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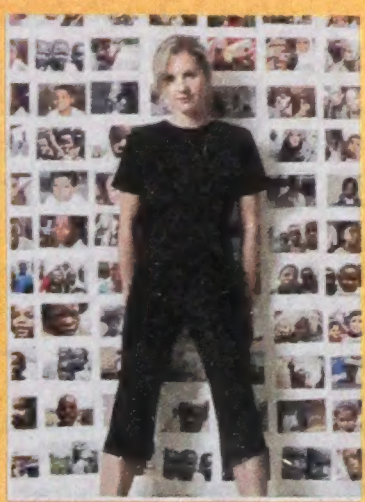
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Highland Docks Invaded By Freshwater Lobsters



Winner Nicole Rallis

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Staff Reporter

Kevin Wyer, the General Manager of the Delta Pinestone Resort, is a Nova Scotia boy. When he moved to Haliburton and began working at the Pinestone, he was hesitant to try Ontario seafood. Haliburton is, after all, 1,700 Kilometers from the shores of Nova Scotia, and that is an awful long way for a lobster to travel. Wyer overcame his ambitions though, and headed to the Pinestone's Heatherwood Dinning Room for a lobster meal. A bright red lobster was placed in front of him, and he took a bite. It tasted better than he had ever imagined, and he realized that Ontario sea food is truly delicious.

After making his seafood discovery, Wyer realized that the Pinestone could use lobster cuisine to attract more customers. "Delta Hotels has run a Lobster Fest programme for many years, but it's never been done at the Pinestone," Wyer said. "We decided that it was time to try it out."

Wyer realized that Haliburton is a unique area, and that it deserved a unique approach to Lobsterfest. Wyer began to brainstorm ideas with Wanda Robinson, the Sales and Marketing Administrator at the Pinestone. "Wanda wanted to do something involving people's docks. This made her think of the name "dock lobster," which is a play on the song Rock Lobster. She came up with the idea of placing big plastic lobsters on people's docks. When people find a lobster on their dock they can come to the Pinestone and enjoy a lobster dinner, and receive two rounds of 9 holes of golf."

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Cody Hodgson Drafted By Vancouver

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

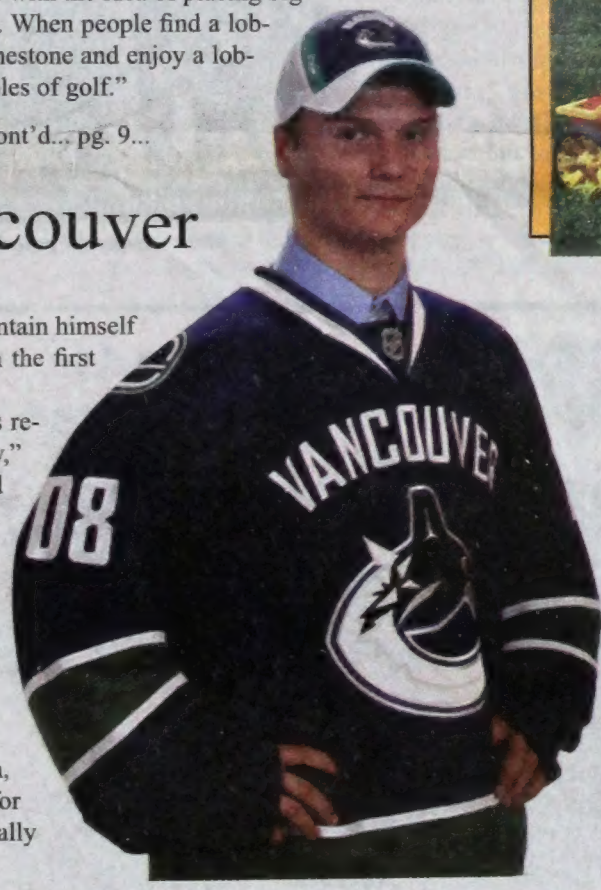
The Sports Network's gung-ho guru, Pierre McGuire could hardly contain himself when the Vancouver Canucks selected Cody Hodgson 10th overall in the first round of the NHL draft last Friday evening in Ottawa.

"This is such a smart pick by Vancouver because of Trevor Linden's retirement and the fact that Brendan Morrison and Markus Naslund could potentially be going away," said McGuire, who was working alongside Bob McKenzie as part of TSN's comprehensive and all-encompassing draft night coverage from Scotiabank Place. "Cody Hodgson will replace some of that leadership down the road. That's why I like this pick so much."

Hodgson, a Markham resident and Haliburton cottager, was in transit as the Voice went to press this week, but he did find time to encapsulate some of his feelings on a blog that was subsequently posted to the Vancouver Canuck website last weekend.

"The whole night is unbelievable and it still has quite sunken in yet but I'm sure at some point everything will just hit me and I'll realize that I'm part of the NHL now," said Hodgson in his blog, which he somehow found time to write between interviews, photographs and text messages. "The magnitude of playing for the Canucks is huge, especially the fact that it is a Canadian team, which makes it that much better. There's only six (Canadian) teams, so the odds are against you for playing for a Canadian city but you always dream about, growing up, playing where hockey really

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A Night to Remember for Cody Hodgson

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matters and I think this is a great city for that."

Hodgson said the media whirlwind began in earnest right after his selection early in the evening at Kanata's Scotiabank Arena complex, home to the 2008 NHL Draft.

"Right after I left the podium, I was rushed to the media circuit where I did the media tour with a bunch of scrums, NHL Live, NHL.com, called into three local radio stations," said Hodgson. "But it didn't end there because right after I was directed into three different photo booths for the official NHL draft photos... you know the ones, you'll see them all over the web, I'm sure."

And indeed, the photos are already featured on the Vancouver Canucks website along with well over forty responses to his blog, all of them very positive and compelling. Through it all, Hodgson, who has always credited the force of his familial encouragement with his on-ice success, was quick to note just how that staunch buttress of family support had sustained him over the most important weekend of his young life.

"What an incredible and unbelievable 24 hours it has been in Ottawa," said Hodgson. "It was an adventure even before we arrived - we drove five hours from Markham just to get here. And let me tell you, it wasn't an easy journey. Trying to get a group of about 20 people to come down to Ottawa is a feat in itself. You try it and you'll know."

"But don't get me wrong because I'm definitely not complaining. I wouldn't have wanted it any other way. Having so many of my family and friends here supporting me during this time is amazing and I'm so grateful to have them all here with me," he added. "I mean, you only get drafted once so I'm glad to share it with the people who mean the most to me. I just can't say enough about the support I've had and not just through the draft process but throughout my whole career so far."

And for Hodgson, the fish bowl is magnified, because he is going to a Canadian city and because, as McGuire said, this is a team that is undergoing some



major changes in a number of areas. Hodgson is going to a team in a town that breathes hockey.

"This is something I've always dreamed about," Hodgson told TSN moments after joining the Canucks organization. "Playing in a Canadian city, there's a ton of hockey fans out there and I'm really looking forward to it."

And now, after the biggest weekend of his life?

Well, let's just say that he's not going to be finding any time right now to sit down on the deck, put his feet in the water, and let this all percolate. His post-draft sojourn is just beginning.

"This has all come and even gone really quickly but the whirlwind doesn't stop yet. I fly to Calgary to accept the rings with the Under 18 World Junior Team and then it's my graduation on Sunday so the excitement doesn't stop," said Hodgson.

Canada's world championship hockey teams were honored in Calgary at the annual Canadian Hockey Foundation Celebrity Classic gala dinner on June 23rd and at the celebrity golf tournament on June 24th.

Beginning last Monday, a full complement of Canucks rookies (and other interested players) were in Vancouver for the annual summer conditioning camp.

Because of those prior commitments to his Markham high school grad and the ring presentation in Calgary, Hodgson will be joining the summer conditioning tilt later this week.

Up and down the Vancouver management totem, there seems to be an air of acceptance and a realization that the Canucks have landed an important piece of the puzzle.

Several NHL.com stories, filtered through the Vancouver Canucks' website (canucks.nhl.com), leaves little doubt that the Canucks management and coaching staff have done their homework.

And, they like what Hodgson brings to the table.

"Character, integrity, he's been a winner all the way up," said Canucks general manager Mike Gillis, shortly after presenting Hodgson with his cap and sweater on Friday night.

"We're thrilled to get him," added Gillis. "He's a great young player with terrific leadership skills. He fits into our plans as soon as he's able to make our hockey team. He was the captain of the (Canada's) under-18 team with a long-time NHL coach (Pat Quinn). We felt he was the best player at that tournament. He has a lot of great features, we're really pleased."

Gillis didn't rule out the 18-year-old from making the Canucks come October.

"That depends on how hard he works over the summer and what happens over the next few months. We expect to give him a great opportunity and it'll be interesting to see what he does with it."

"His playmaking, puck skills, energy - there's not much not to like about Cody," said NHL Central Scouting's Chris Edwards.

"I think (smart) is the best thing you can call a guy," added Edwards. "Your smartest players are your go-to guys on the penalty kill and the power play. ... You're going to have a better time of finding a spot for a smart player than you are for a guy that has lots of skill but doesn't have as much hockey sense."

Hodgson is philosophical about his state of grace right now.

When asked what he might bring to the Canucks, Hodgson was quick to respond. "Right now I'm just trying to focus on making the team - first things first."



Hodgson poses with Canucks Brass

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SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with a few t-storms late

▲ 26° ▼ 14°

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with showers overnight

▲ 23° ▼ 13°

MONDAY

Cooler with showers likely

▲ 21° ▼ 12°

TUESDAY

Cooler with a few more showers

▲ 20° ▼ 10°

WEDNESDAY

Mostly cloudy and cool

▲ 18° ▼ 9°

AROUND THE REGION: A few scattered thunderstorms will be possible on Thursday as highs reach the middle 20s. Drier weather will be experienced on Friday while more thunderstorms will be possible late in the day on Saturday. Highs will be in the mid- to upper 20s. Sunday should be dry, but showers will move into the area overnight.

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Barrie	24/13/ts	24/14/ts	27/16/ts	24/13/pc	22/12/sh	21/11/sh	19/9/cl
Dorset	23/13/ts	23/13/ts	26/14/pc	23/13/pc	21/11/sh	20/10/sh	18/9/cl
Haliburton	23/13/ts	24/13/ts	26/14/pc	23/13/pc	21/12/sh	20/10/sh	18/9/cl
Huntsville	23/13/ts	23/13/ts	26/14/pc	23/13/pc	21/11/sh	20/10/sh	18/9/cl
Kingston	24/14/ts	25/14/ts	27/16/pc	25/14/pc	22/12/sh	21/11/sh	20/10/cl
Lindsay	24/13/ts	24/14/ts	27/16/ts	24/13/pc	22/12/sh	21/11/sh	19/9/cl
Minden	24/13/ts	24/13/ts	26/14/pc	23/13/pc	21/12/sh	20/10/sh	18/9/cl
Oshawa	23/13/ts	25/15/ts	28/17/ts	25/14/pc	22/12/sh	21/11/sh	20/10/cl
Ottawa	24/13/ts	26/17/ts	26/14/pc	22/13/dz	21/11/sh	21/10/sh	21/10/cl
Toronto	24/14/ts	25/15/ts	28/17/ts	25/14/pc	23/12/sh	21/12/sh	21/10/cl

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	Sunday Hi/Low/Otk	Monday Hi/Low/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otk
Calgary	20/13/sh	23/8/su	27/11/su	29/15/su	30/13/pc	25/12/su	26/13/ts
Edmonton	19/7/pc	24/9/cl	26/12/pc	25/13/su	27/14/pc	26/10/cl	26/11/cl
Fredericton	21/12/ts	18/8/sh	17/8/pc	15/9/pc	13/12/sh	21/10/sh	22/12/sh
Halifax	24/14/ts	21/12/sh	16/8/pc	14/11/sh	15/12/ra	16/11/ra	18/12/sh
Montreal	25/14/ts	24/14/ts	26/14/pc	32/19/ra	21/11/sh	21/10/ra	21/10/cl
Regina	23/9/ts	25/10/pc	30/16/pc	32/19/pc	33/21/pc	27/12/pc	27/12/pc
St. John's	19/13/sh	18/11/sh	18/10/sh	9/8/pc	8/8/su	12/8/su	13/7/sh
Saskatoon	19/9/sh	26/8/pc	29/14/pc	31/18/su	30/18/pc	28/13/su	28/12/pc
Vancouver	20/12/pc	26/12/su	30/16/pc	27/16/su	24/17/cl	24/16/dz	24/16/sh
Whitehorse	16/6/pc	15/6/sh	13/4/sh	15/7/sh	18/11/ts	18/6/dz	20/7/cl
Winnipeg	27/15/pc	21/11/ra	24/12/sh	33/19/su	32/22/pc	27/15/su	28/16/pc

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Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Tuesday 6/24	23°C	12°C	0.3 mm
Monday 6/23	21°C	11°C	6.1 mm
Sunday 6/22	23°C	14°C	8.9 mm
Saturday 6/21	na	na	na
Friday 6/20	na	na	na
Thursday 6/19	17°C	11°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 6/18	15°C	9°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu. 5:29 a.m./9:05 p.m.	12:40 a.m./1:45 p.m.	
Fri. 5:29 a.m./9:05 p.m.	1:00 a.m./3:01 p.m.	
Sat. 5:30 a.m./9:05 p.m.	1:24 a.m./4:20 p.m.	
Sun. 5:30 a.m./9:05 p.m.	1:54 a.m./5:43 p.m.	
Mon. 5:31 a.m./9:05 p.m.	2:32 a.m./7:03 p.m.	
Tues. 5:31 a.m./9:05 p.m.	3:23 a.m./8:15 p.m.	
Wed. 5:32 a.m./9:04 p.m.	4:29 a.m./9:14 p.m.	

Last	New	First	Full
June 26	July 2	July 10	July 18



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On June 26, 1948, U.S. and British pilots begin delivering food and supplies by airplane to Berlin after the city is isolated by a Soviet Union blockade. By July 15, an average of 2,500 tons of supplies was being flown into the city every day, with planes landing every four minutes round the clock.

On June 27, 1922, the American Library Association awards the first Newbery Medal, honoring the year's best children's book, to "The Story of Mankind" by Hendrik Willem van Loon. The award was named for John Newbery, the 18th-century English bookseller and author who was considered the father of children's literature.

On June 28, 1857, Emerson Hough, one of the most successful writers of adventure novels of the Romantic Western genre, is born in Newton, Iowa. One of his most popular works, "The Covered Wagon" (1922), established many of the conventions of the genre that continue to be popular today.

On June 30, 1936, Margaret Mitchell's novel "Gone with the Wind" is published. A New York editor encouraged Mitchell to make one important change to the manuscript: the heroine's name. Mitchell agreed to change it from Pansy to Scarlett, now one of the most memorable names in the history of literature.

On July 1, 1995, legendary radio disc jockey Wolfman Jack, born Robert Smith, dies. Smith became famous while broadcasting from Mexico in the 1960s. Because Mexican stations had five times the power of U.S. stations, a large portion of the United States could receive Wolfman Jack's show each night.

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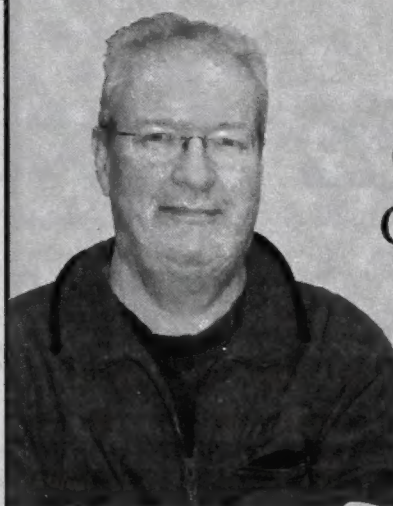


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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

BY Stephen Patrick

Canada Day, Cottagers, and Kandahar



This weekend marks the beginnings of the Canada Day holiday, and the official start to what seems to be a long-delayed cottage season. Perhaps the last two weeks of daily rain and thunderstorms have contributed to that feeling of delay,

as well as swelling the ranks of our bug population to unheard of levels. One local joke is that the hordes of mosquitoes are starting to carry off the crows! And where's that global warming when we need it? Just our luck to get the wild and crazy weather, but not the heat.

In any event, many cottage associations have held their Annual General Meetings (see coverage elsewhere in this issue), and in each case have demonstrated a renewed and uncompromising commitment to the preservation of their lake's environment. For example, most lake associations have started on the long and sometimes arduous process of creating a Lake Management Plan – and many will be using the Kennisiss Watershed & Lakes Management Plan that was finished last September as a template and inspiration.

These Lake Management Plans have the potential to be invaluable political, environmental, and social tools in the hands of all those who cottage, or live permanently on or near the hundreds of lakes that make up Haliburton County. Over the last 50 or so years cottage, or property owners' associations, have grown in stature, influence, and membership, and these Lake Plans are another example of the associations' growing influence and importance. The Plans typically cover water quality, flora, fauna, and fish populations, boating issues, shoreline issues, back lot management, commercial enterprise management, waste management, roads, and of course development. They also try to take a step back and see their lakes as part of the larger forest, in order to monitor the impact of logging, housing, or mining. In essence, they provide a roadmap for how a lake and all its accompanying 'environments' will be like in 10, 20, or 50 years. Property owners in Haliburton have always been aware of our humble place in the grand scheme known as the Trent Severn Waterway, for example. Lake Management Plans provide one more opportunity to re-define and control our future within the overall watershed.

There are also some serious political considerations that flow from the Lake Plans, and the property owners associations. In upcoming issues this summer, the Voice will explore how the political face of Haliburton could undergo a not-so-subtle shift in structure and organization. But one thing is certain: the determination to preserve and protect the lake and cottage environment, and to have a dominant say in how that goal is to be achieved, will be a permanent, and growing, element of our political and social landscape in the years to come. Developers, politicians, and perhaps even mining companies will ignore this at their peril.

Our Kandahar column this week is a trifle short – our correspondent, Haliburton's own Captain David Beatty was on patrol in the Arghandab region, one of the most dangerous places in the world. Still, he managed to file a report, giving due kudos to the Afghan troops who led the counter-insurgency fight against a seemingly revitalized Taliban. In his column he asks our readers to support our troops on yet another Canada Day when our Forces are at war. There can be no doubt that many Canadians remain deeply unsure about whether we should be involved in the Afghan conflict: but equally, our collective support for our individual troops is strong and steadfast. And on this Canada Day week, we can at least be thankful that we live in a society where such distinctions are still respected, and protected. ■

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Letter of the Week

Wow To Relay For Life

Dear Editor:

Wow, Great job well done by great people. Kudos to Melissa Stephens and her class on a well done job at feeding the multitudes. I was proud to be able to take part in the survivor walk, and what a learning experience to see young people pitching in and doing their part. It shows we have some great young people in this community. It is unfortunate we do not get to read about young people like these, instead of the few that decide to create problems in the community. Good job Melissa, your class did you proud, and to all the volunteers, three cheers for you.

Mary Lawr
Essonville

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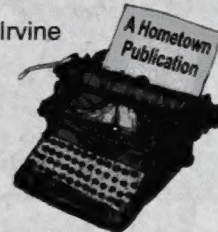
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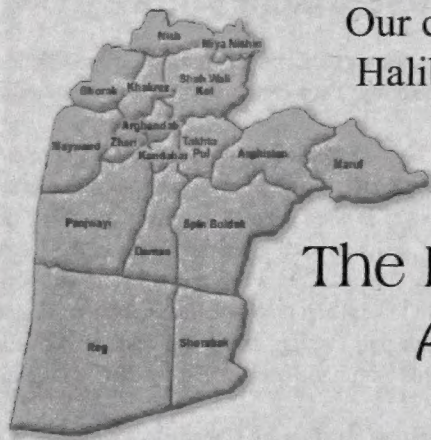
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Our continuing series submitted by
Haliburton County's own Captain
David Beatty

The Road to Kandahar *A Soldier's Journal*

by Captain David Beatty

"As the dust settles, it is clear that the insurgent forces have taken a fair beating."



Have Your Say... VOX POP

With Canada Day quickly approaching, we went around Minden and Haliburton asking, "Do you think that the Canadian military should be fighting in Afghanistan?"



Afghan Soldier

This week has been exceptionally busy for Task Force Afghanistan, with the Prison break in Kandahar city and heavy fighting north of Kandahar in the Arghandab region. The battles this week were slightly different from those of the past. In almost all of the incidents, the lead elements were the Afghan National Army, which was supported by members of the Canadian Operational Mentoring and Liaison Teams (OMLT) and the rifle Companies from the Battle Group. This was a bit of a milestone, as the Afghan forces were able to effectively engage the insurgent forces and clearly demonstrated that they are becoming an effective fighting force.

Casualties were light for the Canadians, with only a few soldiers being wounded, however our American and British Allies did not make out so well, with both suffering casualties, both wounded and dead.

As the dust settles, it is clear that the insurgent forces have taken a fair beating, a large number have been reported killed, and others have been observed, wounded, moving out of the area. Naturally, they have begun to retaliate through the use of rockets against Kandahar Airfield (KAF) and increasing the number of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) that they are placing on the roads.

As the summer heats up here (today was a high of 47 C), it is clear that the 'fighting season' is in full swing. Canadian soldiers are showing that they indeed are world class professionals and in doing so are maintaining the reputations set by their forefathers. With sweat dripping down their faces and the never ending dust in and on their equipment, the soldiers of the Task Force continue to move forward, taking the fight to the insurgents.

As Canada Day approaches, all Canadians should be proud of their sons and daughters who are serving, and should take a moment to remember those who have made the supreme sacrifice. I know that we will. ■

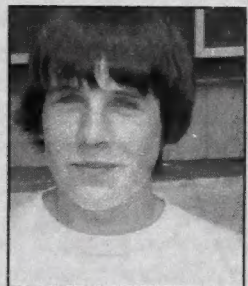


The Arghandab Valley

Pictures by Captain David Beatty, DND



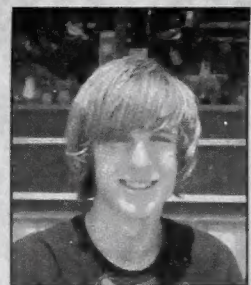
Nazomi Sato, Osaka, Japan - No, I don't think that Canadian troops should be there. It's hard to explain though. I don't believe in war. I believe in peace.



Brandon Nimigon, Haliburton - I think that Canada should be in Afghanistan. I think that our soldiers are fighting for a worthy cause and doing what it takes to help Afghani civilians. That's a good thing.



Will Riley, Haliburton - I don't think that Canada should be in Afghanistan. Bigger issues need to arise before we send our troops abroad. We need to pay attention to problems in Canada before we start solving problems in other countries.



Eric Goesselle, Harcourt Park - I think that Canadians should be there if they're actually helping the Afghani population. They need to act as more than just a police force though. The Canadian forces need to launch better offences against the Taliban and other terrorist groups. If they don't, any good that they do will just be undone.



Renee Archibald, Minden - It's hard to say. I understand that we started sending troops over there to help civilians. We had good intentions. It's gone on too long though, and there hasn't been much progress made. I have a few friends that are getting shipped to Afghanistan soon. We need to change our strategy, or else more Canadians will be sent there and die. If we're not making progress, what are they dying for? It's senseless.



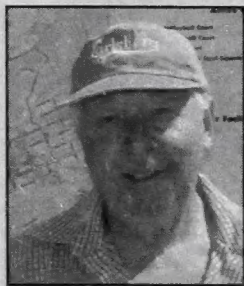
Edward DeSilva, Loon Lake - What bothers me is that young Canadian men and women that are dying fighting for the United States. We're over there for the US and their oil pipeline. It's all for political reasons. The whole world is fighting for America. These are young Canadians starting their lives, and their getting blown to bits. And for what? American greed.



Ryan Guest, Haliburton - The war is stupid. I don't see why Canadian troops should be there. We weren't singled out and attacked. Sending soldiers to Afghanistan is a waste of life and money. I want them home and back in Canada.



Jean Randell, Carnarvon - I think about the Canadian soldiers everyday. It's not fair that they have to be over there. There's so much loss of life. I guess we have to do our part to help out though. I hope our troops come home soon.

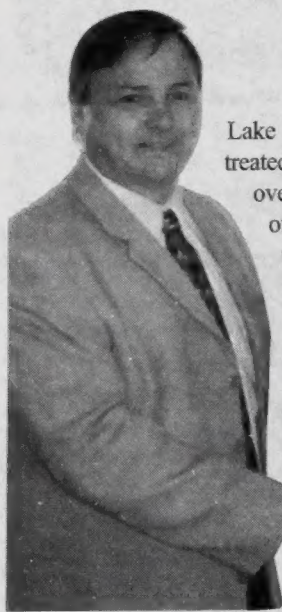


Alan Hoxie, Haliburton - Canadian troops in Afghanistan is a good thing. It's a too bad that we're losing soldiers. We're protecting innocent civilians and helping them. I support the war, but I really hope that we're out by 2010.



Peter Cowen, Haliburton - Canadian troops shouldn't be there. I'd understand if Canada was attacked by Afghani citizens, but we weren't. It's America's war. I know that Canada is close with the US, but they often treat us very poorly with trade and other things. We should help America out when they really need it, not when they want to wage a war.

Keynote Speaker Greg Bishop Schools Lake Kashagawigamog Cottagers on a Sustainable Future



Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Lake Kashagawigamog cottagers were treated to a poignant and comprehensive overview of their lake's future courtesy of Greg Bishop, a Haliburton resident, who has been involved in a strategic study involving the future of the Trent Severn Waterway, its feeder lakes and watersheds.

Bishop is a land use consultant with extensive experience in all aspects of planning and he was the keynote speaker at the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization's (LKO) Annual General Meeting held last Saturday morning at Haliburton's Northern

Lights Pavilion.

Bishop was one of six members appointed, in 2007, by the federal Minister of the Environment to the Panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW). Bishop, a graduate of the University of New Brunswick with a BSc in Survey Engineering, is a member of Haliburton County Environmental and Planning Committee and was a member of the Ontario Municipal Board from 2000-2004. He told the 90 or so cottagers involved in the meeting last Saturday that the operation of the Trent Severn system would be enhanced if federal and provincial bodies could reach an agreement on a non-partisan and cooperative approach vis-à-vis management of the TSW.

By dint of a longstanding and very odd jurisdictional agreement, Parks Canada has authority over the Trent Severn system. Most canal structures in Canada are registered national historic sites and as such come under the aegis of Parks Canada, an agency lamentably shy of expertise in environmental or watershed maintenance.

Bishop explained that there is an ambivalence and lack of quantitative and qualitative support on the part of Parks Canada, who are simply not equipped with the wherewithal or expertise to manage the myriad environmental and tangential aspects of an integrated

and entrenched canal system.

The purpose of the panel review was to assess and make recommendations to the federal Minister of the Environment concerning the future contributions and management of the Trent-Severn Waterway. Broadly, the review submitted recommendations regarding a new vision for the waterway that will ensure its long-term effectiveness and sustainability and optimize the full range of contributions that it makes to Canada and Central Ontario.

Because Lake Kashagawigamog is one of the feeder or reservoir lakes involved with the overall water level maintenance of the Trent Severn Waterway system, the LKO has more than just a passing interest in the panel's conclusions. Indeed, Lake Kashagawigamog's environmental future literally and figuratively rises and falls with the Trent Severn water management prognosis and efficacy.

"Water management is the big issue and Parks Canada doesn't have the mandate to do it," Bishop said. He added that jurisdictional strife forms a backdrop that has to be managed if the Trent Severn complex is to act as a functioning whole in the future.

"I can't see Parks Canada running a canal system," said Bishop. He said the Trent Severn Panel suggests a template that would see provincial and federal agencies working together in conjunction with municipal governments, planning groups, First Nation's people, and citizens-at-large. "We need an agency to bring the federal and provincial bodies together," said Bishop. He said that panel members agreed that this component of joint responsibility is crucial to the continued viability and future maintenance of a fluid and dynamic Trent Severn Waterway system.

Bishop said that current practices are broadly based upon a series of dysfunctional relationships, which sees jurisdictional disputes and buck-passing amassed in a logjam of ongoing problems that have serious ramifications for cottagers and landowners located in the two Trent Severn watersheds and on feeder and reservoir lakes like Lake Kashagawigamog.

"Right now, for instance, water goes up and down dependant on the time of day," said Bishop. He said that such arbitrary practices, which are tied inextricably to demands for hydro at peak periods, earmark just one of the jurisdictional struggles which have to be managed by a central body with the wherewithal to adjudicate water level management in a way that best fits environmental and quality of life issues.

He said the panel advocates the formation of a non-partisan and all-encompassing governing body overseen by a Chief Water Engineer. The Water management agency would be responsible for management of the Trent Severn Canal system, but especially would have a mandate to regulate environmental impact in the two watersheds and the feeder and reservoir lake system. At present, disputes abound around issues concerning end practice. To wit: Who has influence with regard to watershed and feeder lakes involved with the Trent Severn Canal system? Do the feds have a mandate to provide support for feeder lakes like Kashagawigamog? If so, how do municipal and provincial concerns dovetail into that mix? There is no comprehensive policy aimed at providing support to the fundamental whole. This is a dynamic system which Bishop says must be handled as a functioning whole and not a series of separate parts.

At present, said Bishop, boundary issues are handled on an ad hoc basis. "There is a disconnect between levels of government when it comes to management of the (TSW) system today," said Bishop. Indeed, in the panel's remarks and final report to the

Environment Minister, the six panel members all concurred on this one aspect of accountability. They conclude that the system must be streamlined.

"We believe that it is no longer appropriate for one government to manage storage and flows of water and another to manage allocation," said the panel in their report's introduction. "Nor do we think that Parks Canada is well equipped to be in the water management business. Accordingly, we propose that an independent agency with both federal and provincial participation assume responsibility for managing storage, flows and allocation of the water in the watersheds within the context of a modern, conservation-oriented model.

"There is a growing recognition by Canadians that water is a finite resource. In fact, the presence of water is not enough; it must be water of quality. No fewer than six important reports on water management in Canada have been released during the past three years, including three during our mandate. They speak to the same issues we do - fragmented governance, outdated supply-oriented management models, declining supply and inadequate management."

Bishop said the fact that the federal government had the foresight to commission a panel bodes well for future progress and a reshuffling of the Trent Severn system.

"A vision of the future is all about the water," said Bishop. "We see a commitment to preserving water quality as part of a strong conservation ethic. We need to improve our controls to ensure the future of our water."

Bishop was quite concise in his closing remarks to the Lake Kashagawigamog faithful.

"If you want to get involved, I urge you to write to your MPP or your MP," said Bishop. "We need to get both levels of government on side. Make sure your representative is aware of this report." (Full coverage of last weekend's AGM will appear in next weeks Voice.)■

Minor Injuries Suffered in Single Vehicle Accident



A single vehicle accident left two people with minor injuries this past Wednesday just outside the town of Haliburton.

Noel Austin was driving the Chevrolet van that went off the side of the road on Hwy 118. The two other occupants in the vehicle were treated for their injuries.

"I was forced off the road by an oncoming car," said Austin.

The alleged other vehicle involved in the incident did not remain at the scene. Police did not release any other details about the accident as of press time.

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Highland Substance Abuse: A Product of Boredom?

Tyson Farrell
County Voice

In the war against youth substance abuse, a social worker is on the very front line. They interact directly with the drug users, and witness the horrible consequence of substance abuse. Haliburton native Leanne Plouffe is a youth social worker in Moose Jaw Saskatchewan, and she wages war against drug abuse every

single day. She recently returned to Haliburton, and she was dismayed to see the substance abuse that is occurring in the Highlands.

Plouffe grew up in Haliburton County, where she attended J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. She graduated from HHSS in 2003, and enrolled in Briercrest College. "Briercrest is in the small town of Caronport, Saskatchewan. The town was founded as an air force base during world war two. It's only fifteen minutes from Moose Jaw, where the air force still operates a large base. The planes routinely do exercises over Caronport, so it always felt like we were about to get bombed," Plouffe said. After four years at Briercrest, Plouffe graduated with a Bachelor of Arts honours degree. She then began to volunteer at a Moose Jaw youth drop into centre called Joe's Place. "The centre was created by a man named Joe who was once a substance abuser. He got clean, and started renting an apartment on the main street of Moose Jaw. He'd look out his window and see teenagers and children hanging out on the street, getting into trouble, and doing drugs. Wanting to give the youth somewhere safe and drug free to hangout, he started inviting them into his apartment. At one time, he had more than 300 teenagers in his apartment. It became a fun place that was and alternative to drugs, and the kids started to call it "Joe's place."

Joe began to raise funds to support his informal youth drop in centre, and he soon had enough to purchase an old Zellar's department store. The 2183 square metre building was renovated, turned into a formal youth centre, and titled Joe's Place. For the last two years, Plouffe has been volunteering at the centre. "I used to volunteer at Joe's when I was in university, at it captured my heart," she explains. "It's a place for teenagers ages

14 to 19 with problems like drug abuse to come and get help. It's a safe place, where they know they won't be hurt. We also help a lot of children from abusive families."

At Joe's place, Plouffe works as a councilor and social worker. "I spend a lot of one on one time with the young girls. A lot of them are drug addicts, who cut themselves and do other unfortunate things. By working with the teenagers, and developing a friendship with them, I try to help them turn away

"I think that instead of looking for something fun to do, they turn to the easiest thing, and that very often is drugs."

from drugs, and live a healthier life." After working with youth drug abusers for more than two years, Plouffe was recently offered a full time, paid staff position and Joe's Place. The new job formally begins on July 1. Realizing that she may not have

much time to visit her family once her new job begins, Plouffe recently returned to Haliburton for a visit. Her experience working with drug abusers made her see Haliburton in a new light.

"There is a serious drug problem amongst youth in the Highlands. It's easy to see," she says. "I think it exists for a number of reasons. First of all, a lot of young people do drugs to fit in, or feel accepted. Sometimes they do drugs so they can be the person they always wanted to be. At other times, kids do drugs to escape the difficulties of their life, like an abusive family. I think a big

reason kids do drugs in the Highlands is boredom. What are children supposed to do up here? I think that instead of looking for something fun to do, they turn to the easiest thing, and that very often is drugs. They often realize that drugs are bad, but in their minds, what else are they to do?"

"There are a lot of high school students that do drugs. I know that some students there do it during lunch time. That means that they're not doing is solely out of boredom," Plouffe said. "A lot of people would be shocked to learn how widespread drug use is amongst local teenagers. Many local high school students drink so often that it's considered perfectly normal. In fact, high school students that refuse to drink alcohol are sometimes made fun off by their peers. Many teenagers think it's weird if you don't drink alcohol."

"I think that a lot of kids in the Highlands want to stop using drugs, and cease to be addicted, but it's difficult. There aren't enough councilors and people in the area for teenagers to go to." Plouffe believes that there should be recreation centres within the county that provide teenagers with a fun, drug free atmosphere. "The Bridge Youth Centre at the Adult Learning Centre in Haliburton is good," she said. "But I'm not sure how often it is open." Although Plouffe believes that drugs are a serious problem amongst youth in the Highlands, there is also a great deal of misunderstanding.

"Yes, there are a lot of young people doing drugs on the streets of Haliburton. A lot of adults see kids dressed in black, or with a lot of piercings, and simply label them 'crack heads' or druggies. I admit, before I began working with youth, and I saw the teenagers used to think that these kids were just druggies. People need to realize that a lot of young substance abusers are actually good kids. Society may frown on them on them, but they're kids that just need some help. In the Highlands we need to create more recreation centres, and wholesome places for teenagers to spend their time. We need to reach out and help the youth, and by doing so, we can begin to resolve the local drug problem." ■



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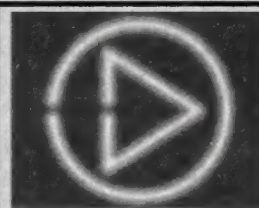
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"I hope Mark appreciates the opportunity the Voice and I have given him ... and that they continue to patronize the Donald Dairy Bar."

Dear Editor

Wow! Back in the 70s, the days of the Donald Wendigos snowmobile club, and the subsequent Haliburton club, I know our leader, Roy Bates, was more likely to meet with someone with a problem than to walk all over him in his column. I don't know if that is the difference in generations or just attitude. People just phoned me with their comments and support.

I hope Mark Coles doesn't really think I can't count or tell time, and I certainly wasn't standing outside counting them -- just going by the story in the paper and the rolling thunder. Didn't look at my watch either. I know what they sound like and smell like from a long summer last year. I also learned that they come roaring around the corner and don't make way when I try to drive out of my driveway.

While the club supervises the rail trail, I was told that they didn't put wardens on the part of the trail that we taxpayers like to call our road. I can't speak for my neighbours, but I have no quarrel with most riders and often chat with them. Last week I offered my phone to some people from Kitchener who had blown a transmission. It is the unsupervised ones that speed and cause problems. I hope the club will find a way to keep control of them on our road on our behalf as well as on the rail trail. We need your help. Since you monitor the trails to make sure they are members, we assume those who give us a hard time are members as well.

I am glad the HATVA are following in the path of the snowmobile club in supervising those they can and cleaning up after those they cannot. I certainly hope Mark appreciates the opportunity the Voice and I have given him to have his finely-detailed tribute to his group printed, and that they will continue to patronize the Donald Dairy Bar

Harvey M. Clarke
Donald, Ontario

Dock Lobsters Cont'd...

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Wyer agreed that the Dock Lobster was a great idea, but he didn't know how to get the lobster to people's docks. Robinson then realized that Haliburton's Dean Chaulk already boats from dock to dock delivering newspapers on the weekends. "We contacted Chaulk, and he was more than willing to deliver some plastic lobsters for us," Wyer said. "Once we had Chaulk onboard, everything just fell into place."

For the last few weeks, big red lobsters have been appearing on local docks. The lobsters have balloons tied to them which allow people to see them from their cottages. So far docks have been 'lobstered' on Lakes Kashagawigamog, Head, Canning, Eagle, Soyers, and Grass.

Nicole Rallis of Kashagawigamog Lake woke up last Saturday to find one of the large crustaceans on the end of her dock. "I read about Lobsterfest and the Dock Lobsters in the newspaper, so I realized that it was happening," she said. "I was hoping that I'd find one on the end of my dock. I thought that I might get one, since I live on one of the bigger lakes, which I figured are the most likely to be targeted. I can't wait to take the plastic lobster to the Pinestone and enjoy a lobster meal with my mom."

"So far more than 60 lobsters have gone out, and we've had a lot of people coming in to claim their golf rounds and enjoy their lobster meals," Wyer said. "People have to claim their prizes within a few days, which has allowed us to use the same plastic lobster on several different docks."

"We've had a lot of great comments and interest about the Dock Lobsters," Wyer said. "We realized that generating discussion about the resort, and getting people talking about us, is important. That's one of the reasons we did this. It all helps out the business." In an attempt to generate even more attention, Wyer purchased several large inflatable lobsters. These lobsters can now be seen from Highway 21 floating in the Pinestone pond.

The Dock Lobsters have certainly got a lot of people talking, and everybody is saying 'Pinestone.' It would therefore appear as though the lobsters have been a successful marketing ploy. As Wyer himself says, "Lobsterfest is just a really good business idea."



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FUME Continues to Send Their Message about Uranium

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

FUME (Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration) continues in its efforts to inform the residents of Haliburton about uranium and the dangers associated with it. Their public meeting last Saturday in Gooderham was another excellent opportunity to learn more on a number of levels. The meeting was led by FUME's co-founders Robin Simpson and Christine Atrill who were joined by guest speaker (and FUME member) Roger Young as well as a radon gas specialist, Bob Wood.

Speaking to an attentive audience of about 60 residents and cottagers, Simpson and Atrill provided an overview of Ontario's antiquated Mining Act and the process of staking claims as well as the differences between land owners surface and sub-surface rights. Atrill also spoke about the lasting legacy left by past mining activity in the area. While FUME's desire to ensure that no mining activity takes place in the County obviously remains unfailing, Simpson also spoke about the natural occurrences of uranium in the area and the health issues associated with that.

Simpson talked about FUME's letter writing campaign. In efforts to preserve the environment and keeping the beauty of the Haliburton Highlands intact, FUME continue to stress the importance of letting the Provincial Government know how residents feel about the poten-

tial for open pit uranium mining in the area. In support of the call for a moratorium on uranium mining in Ontario, residents and cottagers are asked to sign a copy of a prepared letter (or one of their own design). For a nominal fee, FUME will look after handling and postage and the letter will be forwarded to Premier Dalton McGuinty, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Opposition Leader John Tory, NDP Leader Howard Hampton and local MPP's.

Roger Young, an MP during the 1970's with considerable experience with the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Resources, spoke about the hazards of open pit mining. Young said, "I wouldn't care if it was Nestle mining for chocolate chips in the ground, I would still be against an open pit mine." Young spoke about cottagers and residents alike coming to the area for its beauty. According to Young, miners come to the area to simply make a buck, take nature's wealth and leave. He spoke of the devastation that results from open pit mining and likened living in proximity to an open pit mine to living in a war zone, given the extent of drilling and blasting activity required to work the mine. He said, "You'll hear the mine, know it is there and feel its effects."

Young urged everyone in attendance to get angry, to take the information being provided at the meeting to friends and neighbours. He said, "We must plug into the politicians in Toronto and Ottawa and reach MPP's in all ridings. The Premier needs the continued support of these people and if enough of them feel that policies should change, he will have to listen."

Young also spoke to the economy and how mining would provide very short term gains when compared to the billions of dollars invested by cottagers in the area in real estate.

He spoke about FUME's plans to move into Muskoka in their efforts to garner support for a moratorium. He also talked about the levels of uranium in his own well and the measures he had taken in testing and filtering his water system.

Many of our readers will have read the article in the County Voice last week that addressed the possibility of uranium in our drinking water and the need to have it tested. While this message was reinforced during their meeting, Simpson also spoke about the 'daughters of uranium' including radon and polonium.

Radon is a radioactive gas that is colourless, odourless and tasteless. It is formed by the breakdown of naturally occurring uranium in soil, rock and groundwater. Radon escapes from the ground into the air and is normally diluted to low concentrations that aren't of concern, unless it enters an enclosed space like a home where it can accumulate to high levels.

Simpson introduced Bob Wood, a radon gas testing and mitigation specialist. Wood spoke about his personal experience that had caused death in his family and prefaced his presentation by saying, "Radon gas in homes causes cancer!" He spoke about his experience in the building trade saying, "I had been in the construction business for 20 years and had never heard of radon gas." Wood spoke of the American Government's experience with radon gas and their requirement for remediation. He also said, "The Canadian Government must have decided in the 80's that radon gas stopped at the border," given their lack of action about it.

According to Wood (and a CMHC Guide for Canadian Homeowners) radon gas breaks down into particles that include polonium. It can be breathed into the lungs where particles are released in small bursts of energy. These in turn become absorbed in the lung tissue resulting in damage to the lungs and often to cancer.

Wood spoke about the number of houses (1 in 7) that tested over the acceptable action levels for radon gas in the GTA alone where, unlike Haliburton County, there aren't nearly the concentrations of naturally occurring uranium. He spoke about a campaign that the Canadian Government is planning to inform the public about the dangers of radon gas.

With respect to radon gas Wood said, "Diffusion is the solution." He talked about measures that can be taken to remediate homes and offered test kits to those in attendance. For more information about radon gas, levels of exposure, how it can enter your home, methods of measuring radon and what action to take if it is found, visit www.cmhc.ca or www.mr-radon.ca.



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Man Beats Odds of 1 in 1,111,111 and Becomes \$100,000 Richer

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The PayDay ticket that made Richard Moulton \$100,000 richer was "just a fluke."

In his words, that's exactly what it was. Moulton, a West Guilford resident for the past 15 years, purchased his winning ticket from Todd's Independent Grocer on Thursday, June 5.

"I gave a partial ride home to a guy I work with. I dropped him off at the Independent and then for some reason, I figured I'd go inside and look around. I thought I needed something," said Moulton. Funny enough, the only thing he ended up walking out with was his PayDay ticket.

Since the PayDay lottery was first introduced, Moulton has been a devoted player. He has never, however, experienced such a substantially large win in any lotto game before.

"About five years ago I won \$140 on Lotto 6/49 and in that same week I won approximately the same amount on Super 7," he said.

Though it was a PayDay ticket that he purchased, his big win can be attributed to the accompanying Encore numbers that came with it.

"It had nothing to do with the PayDay ticket itself. It was on the Encore that I won it on."

Moulton explains how he came to realize that his win was more than just some loose change.

"When I came into town the next morning, I dropped into Henwood's to pick up the paper. I got the paper, went out to the truck and just started checking the numbers. I already saw that I didn't win anything on PayDay and then I checked the Encore," says Moulton.

Moulton regularly purchases two Encore plays with each ticket. His first Encore number wasn't a winner, but as he closely examined the second line his eyes began to light up.

"There was no match on the first number but then I had the second number. Then I checked across and I had three numbers. Then I checked back and I had four numbers, then I got five. I was like 'whoa!' I got six numbers."

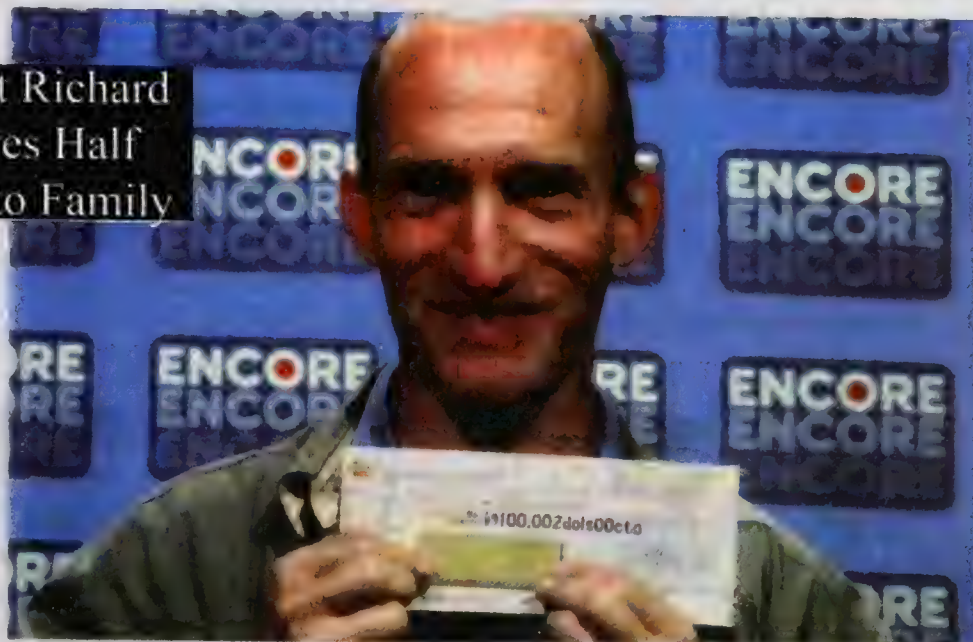
He started to get "a little excited" but first wanted to verify his win before making any plans.

"I went into work (at Vince Hammond Trucking and Excavating) and started compacting the cardboard. I waited until my helper came in and once he came in, I said, 'I'm going to check something.'"

Moulton then travelled to the place where he made the lucky purchase – The Independent.

"The lady there said that she knew something was up just by the way I looked. She checked the ticket and it didn't play the same song that it usually does. It seemed to be a deeper tone of music. While the deeper tone of music was playing there was a voice that came on the machine and basically said to please hang around and that the OLGC will call

Local Resident Richard Moulton Gives Half His Winnings to Family



you right away."

He says the lady behind the counter was told to put the ticket through the machine once again, at which time it spit out a slip confirming that Moulton was indeed a \$100,000 winner. Moulton wasted no time letting telling his family members about what had transpired.

"I called my mom and sister in the parking lot. They were bouncing around," he said with a smile.

A few days later, Moulton took two days off work to head to the OLGC prize centre in downtown Toronto with his sister. After being questioned for 15-20 minutes, Moulton says that the big cheque was handed over to him.

He immediately went to the CIBC in the lower level of the building and deposited the cheque because he "didn't feel comfortable carrying that around."

Moulton says that he will continue working his job for Vince Hammond. However, he hopes to accomplish some long-term goals with all the money he's come into.

"It gives me a couple of options like set-up for retirement and upgrade some of my skills, which I wouldn't mind doing."

Of the \$100,000, Moulton gave half to his parents and sister. He hasn't gone on a spending spree quite yet.

"Besides having some extra money to pay bills, I've only bought about three or four DVD's and a kitty litter box for my cat." Moulton has also put \$20,000 into GIC's with his bank. He's also hoping to take a trip in the winter to someplace warm.

"I'd like to go somewhere warmer, maybe Hawaii. But I don't know if I'd want to go to the North West Territories. It might be a little cool." ■

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Riverfest



Sheila Carabine (24) and Amanda Walther (26) are the two female musicians and song writers who together are known as Dala. This unstoppable duo - who fit into the folk genre - have already accomplished a lot at a young age and are both more than thrilled to be the headlining band for Riverfest.

While Carabine was in the 11th Grade at Mary Ward Catholic School in Toronto, she had her first close encounter with Walther. To Carabine, Walther really stood out from the crowd, as she played a bass clarinet with her bright blue hair. At that time, Walther was new

to the school and had two years up on Carabine. But that didn't matter, as the two began to invest in a strong friendship that would prove to be rewarding in many ways.

In an exclusive interview with The Voice, Carabine spoke about how big a role music played in her life while growing up.

"I grew up surrounded by it. My brother listened to Zeppelin and plays electric guitar. My dad was a folk singer. At 15 I started playing the guitar and I took piano lessons," she said.

Before stepping into the music scene professionally, both were busy in school getting an education.

"Amanda was at the Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD) taking a course in sculpture and installation. She was thinking of being a teacher or a professional artist. I was in Queens University and U of T. I was thinking of possibly going into law. We both decided to put our studies on hold," said Carabine.

In 2003, they met their manager and A&R with Sony Canada, Mike Roth. Carabine says that Roth had "limitless connections" and because of him, they were able to show their stuff to the big wigs at Universal Records.

"He discovered artists like Lady Peace and Chantal Kreviazuk," says Carabine.

By the summer of the 2005, both reached the highest of heights when they signed a major label deal with Universal Music Canada and released their debut album 'Angels and Thieves'.

Together, their vocal harmonies are said to give audiences the chills, while they also make use of their talents on the guitar and piano to create a unique brand of acoustic pop. Over the last couple of years, Dala has been able to win over audiences at festival across the country.

One of their proudest moments on tour was when they opened up for Canadian legend Tom Cochrane in March of 2007.

"He was great. It was amazing to share the stage with a legend. And we didn't end up having any bottles thrown at us!" she said laughing.

And ever since then, the pair has toured all over the place.

"We've played all over Canada. We did a two month tour last fall with Matthew Good. We drove from Thunder Bay to southern Ontario in the fall. My favourite place so far was Banff. We played at the Banff Centre of Performing Arts. It was beautiful there," said Carabine.

So how did the two come up with the name Dala? Carabine explains.

"We were looking for a name for a while. So we just took the last two letters from both of our first names and put them together."

Dala's second full-length album with Universal Music, entitled 'Who Do You Think You Are', hits stores back on August 14, 2007. Their first single off the album 'Anywhere Under The Moon', had its music video featured on Much More Music.

As for their upcoming performance at Riverfest, the anticipation and excitement could be detected in Carabine's voice.

"We can't wait to play it!"

For more on Dala visit their web site at www.dalagirls.com.

Haliburton County Folk Society Receives Grant

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, made a special appearance at an Open Stage night in the Haliburton Museum last Saturday to congratulate the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) for a recent \$8,000 grant they received from The Ontario Trillium Foundation.

"This is going to enhance the community and bring more people in," said Scott while giving a congratulatory document to Eric Lilius, President of the HCFS.

The grant will help enable the HCFS to host a winter folk camp at Camp Wanakita in March, 2009. The program is designed to engage novice players and more experienced adult musicians.

A talented and committed staff of accomplished musicians has been acquired for the camp set to take place from March 6 - 9. Camp Wanakita will also let those at the three day event use the campground facilities.

"It's a really exciting opportunity for us to host this program," said Sean Pennylegion, committee member of the Haliburton County Folk Society. "This camp will be of interest to novice, intermediate and advanced musicians."



MPP Laurie Scott and
Folk Society President
Eric Lilius



It will be a wonderful weekend," said Pennylegion.

During the Open Stage night, the HCFS also officially released their new compilation CD titled "Real Nice Folk". The album features 17 tracks recorded by local musicians including: Albert Saxby, Zoe Chilco, Thom Lambert, Gord Kidd, Kris Kadwell, Cass Marie, Bethany Houghton, Laurel McCauley, Stan Russell and Dave Fourgere.

Open Stage nights are held at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on every third Saturday of the month. The music starts at 8:00 p.m. and doors open at 7:30 p.m. Performers can sign-up upon arrival and admission is \$3.

For more on the HCFS or to see future updates on the camp weekend, visit www.haliburtonfolk.com.

How To Get Tickets To Riverfest

For weekend schedule of events, see The Communicator - pg. 2-3

Riverfest, "Haliburton County's Inaugural Music Fest", is set to take place this coming weekend (Friday, June 27 - Sunday, June 29).

With 11 talented artists set to light up the stage at the Minden Wild Water Preserve, this is a music festival that will be unlike any other Haliburton County has ever experienced.

Hosted by The Company in association with Gullfest-Whitewater Ontario's Kayaking Festival, there will be many activities to take part in addition to the live music. Below is a list of all the workshops, artist performances and other activities that you'll be able to participate in if you get your tickets for this massive event.

Kayaking festivities will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday morning and open stages will also start at 8 p.m. in the evening. Both Saturday and Sunday will feature live performances from 12 p.m. - 11 a.m. Interactive workshops and contests will also be held during the weekend.

Tickets are available at the following locations: Boatwerks in Haliburton and Minden, Algonquin Highlands in Huntsville and Dwight and The Hair Lounge in Carnarvon. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.theriverfest.ca. Camping prices are also on the web site.

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How to Welcome Off-Highway Vehicles and More Trails and Tours Network Looks at Ways of Generating More Money into County

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network (HHTN) is considering how they can make the County more welcoming to families with off highway vehicles (OHV's).

This was just one of the hot topics of discussion at the organization's annual general meeting held on Monday, June 16 at the council chambers in Minden.

"We don't offer a community welcome here in Haliburton," said HHTN President Ken Hoeverman. "When people drive into Haliburton with their ATV or motorcycles, we don't say welcome and we don't tell them where to go."

Each year, Hoeverman attends a national conference in the United States known as NOHVCC (National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council).

"They understand how to manage off-highway vehicle use," says Hoeverman.

NOHVCC, as a national body of OHV recreation enthusiasts, develops a wide spectrum of programs, materials and information, or "tools" to individuals, clubs, associations and

agencies in order to further a positive future for responsible OHV recreation.

Hoeverman showed a video to fellow board members that illustrated just how the state of Texas utilizes their trails for the public's use. According to the video, there are a half a million ATV's being used in Texas alone.

"The point is how Haliburton Trails and Tours Network can capitalize on that," said Hoeverman.

What Hoeverman did is look down South at the economic impact that a trail system in West Virginia has had.

"In Southern West Virginia they had the same decline that we've seen in Haliburton over the last 100 years where the initial boom was in natural resource extraction. Down there it was coal, timber and natural gas and here it was mining and timber. As mechanization of the resources ran down, the economy started to slope down. If you look at our economic numbers over the last 50 years in Haliburton we see a decline in average income, people that stay here, that type of thing. They saw that as well and they looked at off highway vehicle parks as a means of reviving their economies in towns the size of Kinmount, Gooderham and West Guilford," he said.

In West Virginia, they ended up building a trails system which ended up creating 23 direct jobs in seven years and 146 other jobs have been taken due to this network. As a result, Hoeverman says these trails have generated over \$624,000 in State taxes.

"The State has recognized this and has offered it back to their trails and tours network as an unrestricted cheque in taxes each year. So it's worked out quite successfully."

After seeing these results, Hoeverman said that he decided to approach his fellow board members to see if they wanted to apply for a grant to do a comparison between Southern West Virginia and Haliburton County.

"Could we generate money into Haliburton? Could we have a trails and tours network with 23 jobs?" asked Hoeverman.

So, the Trails and Tours Network went ahead with the study after receiving approval for the idea from the Haliburton County Development Corporation. The study was completed, and as a result a list of things to do and not to do was compiled for the HHTN. Hoeverman gave some examples of why he'd like to see one of these trail systems in the County.

Hoeverman says that without proper management of the trails and a growing population of trail riders, an enjoyable riding experience will end up getting ruined for most riders. Secondly, with welcoming and properly managed trails, more jobs will be created in the community. Thirdly, with people patrolling and inspecting the trails, a greater level of risk

management would take place, says Hoeverman.

A decision by board members on this issue will be made at their next meeting.

Also introduced at the annual general meeting was the idea of mineral tourism.

"We applied for a local initiative through the Haliburton County Development Corporation for this and got \$10,000 to start the project right now," said Sam Davies, Executive Director of the HHTN.CLEAR

Michael Bainbridge, a rock specimen photographer, spoke about how profitable the mineral industry can be. He also explained about the

work he would be doing with the project.

"Mineral tourism amounts to a \$5 million industry a year in Bancroft. There's a large worldwide community of people who collect mineral specimens in the ground. This area has really abundant reserves in terms of collectable species," said Bainbridge.

In fact, Bainbridge points out that people have been coming to this area for a number of years to collect minerals.

"Bancroft has picked up on this and they've started marketing themselves as a destination for such. What we have here in Haliburton is a shared resource with Bancroft. It's essentially the same geology so people can find here what they've told they can find in Bancroft. What Bancroft has been doing is sending them into Haliburton to find a lot of what they're looking for. Then they go back to Bancroft and buy their dinner and pay for their hotel room," he said.

Therefore, the goal of the HHTN is to manage these mineral tours locally so that people spend their money here instead of elsewhere.

"Phase one of the project is to locate these mineral sites, talk to the landowners and find out where the safe, accessible destinations are. Phase two is produce a guidebook and associated marketing materials in order to bring people here instead of to Bancroft," said Bainbridge.

Both public and private sites possess these stones. Those who want to find the stones would pay a fee to go on a search of sites.

"Ideally, we would want to find at least one location in Haliburton County that would serve as the flagship site."

"It's a great thing for us and it's great for the community," commented Davies.

The Trails and Tours Network is an organization dedicated to the development and promotion of trails and tours in Haliburton County. The group strives to provide quality recreational trail and tour opportunities for visitors and residents, protect the health and beauty of the natural environment, enhance the local economy, promote healthy lifestyles and foster community pride and participation. ■

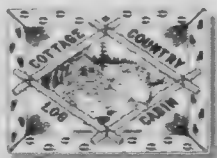


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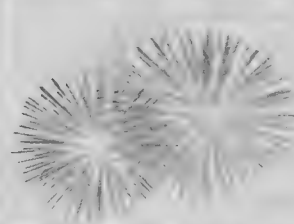
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The Cats of Haliburton County: A Humane Response to Feral Cats

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

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The matter of feral cats and what to do with them has become a hotter topic than ever over the last week and opportunities for humane solutions are evolving for Haliburton County. Two groups have come up with proposals to help alleviate the problem and while their ideas are a bit different, the program being suggested and the end result could be a win/win situation for everyone concerned.

Dr. Carol Sanio from the Minden Animal Hospital has been working with the Minden Emergency Animal Care (MEAC) group to raise funds for sick or injured animals in the area. The animals are treated and the group makes every effort to find homes for them. Sanio says there are a lot of feral cats, many of them sick and not neutered and the population continues to grow. According to Sanio feral cats are normally not adoptable, other than their kittens. She says they are very difficult to handle and aren't normally friendly unless ill. Sanio does add, "That's not the case with all of the cats on the street as some of them are just dumped off at the end of the summer by cottagers."

Sanio has been giving the matter some thought. She says that trapping and killing the animals rarely works in a community as other cats simply fill the void and the problem doesn't end. Sanio also says that many of the cottagers are up in arms about the practice of trapping and disposing of the cats, a practice that has been in place in Minden for the past year at least.

Sanio referred to the case of a colony of Parliament Cats that are living in the Parliament Hill precinct in Ottawa. The project was started by Irene Desormeaux in the 1970's and the care of what is now known as the Cat Sanctuary passed on in 1987 to Rene Chartrand, who was awarded the Human Society of Canada's Heroes for Animals Award for his efforts. Chartrand built a small series of structures that resemble little parliament buildings as shelter for the animals and the cats are free to roam the grounds. They are regularly trapped and neutered and with the support of donations receive inoculations and care from a local animal hospital. The cats are all healthy, neutered and the colony isn't growing.

Sanio says, "Two of MEAC's Board members have worked with the program in other areas and have found it to be very successful." Sanio thinks the trap/spay or neuter/release program could work very well in Minden, and she's not alone in that opinion. She says that store owners who are upset by the stench of cats spraying would be much happier, there would be fewer extremely ill cats wandering the streets making cottagers happier and more apt to frequent the shops, there would be less health risks for people living downtown where the cats have been using gardens as litter boxes and the cats themselves would be much happier, healthy and free of parasites. And given the fact that over time existing costs born by the Municipality to deal with the animals would decrease, she says, "It's a win/win situation for everyone!"

Sanio has submitted a proposal to the Minden Hills Council for their consideration this week. She proposes that the Municipality buy several special live trap cages. The cats would be taken to the clinic for treatment at a much reduced rate (50% of what it would normally cost to treat, vaccinate, neuter and microchip) and then released back to the area they were found. Sanio has several other veterinarians willing to work with her and even suggested that her vet students could assist with the trapping to further reduce that cost to the municipality.

"Rounding 'em up and kill 'em just doesn't work any more." (Mary Shepherd)

Sanio admits that there will be some real costs at the beginning of the program if Council gives her proposal the nod. However, the Minden Hills Council recently paid several thousand dollars to a local person to trap (and somehow dispose of) a number of cats. According to



A Feral Cat family in downtown Minden

Sanio that amount will only increase without this program as new cats continue to fill the void and the number of cats continues to grow. "We could care for a lot of cats with that amount of money and over the long run the costs would be less and less."

Sanio also said, "I've done a lot of volunteer work with street dogs and wild cats and to be fair, sometimes death is the most humane answer when the animals are wounded or sick."

The program is intended to help keep the healthy cats healthy and reduce the risk by removing the unhealthy ones.

The other offer comes as a result of Bud Friesman's colony of feral cats in Wilberforce. A group called Animal Outreach from London, Ontario, which is represented by Mary Shepherd, has been in contact

with Friesman. As a result of their discussions and the live trapping taking place in Wilberforce, Shepherd has been in contact with Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton and Reeve Jim McMahon of Minden Hills. Members of Animal Outreach are prepared to travel up to make a presentation to each of the Municipal Councils in Haliburton County. According to McMahon this may be facilitated through a County Council meeting.

Shepherd and her organization have considerable experience with homeless cat rescues and she speaks out very strongly about the "outdated, ineffective and cruel trap and kill philosophy." Animal Outreach is a not-for-profit charity. It deals with rescue, rehoming, adoption, spay/neuter and vet care as well providing foster homes for homeless, abandoned and feral cats and kittens. Their goal is to reduce cat overpopulation by humane intervention and positive, proactive programs that include education of the public and municipal councils.

Members of Animal Outreach (including veterinarians) are prepared to come to the County to offer their assistance in any way they can. According to Shepherd, "The good news is that communities, some with very small populations, right up to large urban areas, have had significant, measurable success with reduction in complaints, disagreement and costs, to say nothing about the reputation of the community as caring and compassionate, an important consideration as animal issues generate such

huge emotions."

Both Sanio and the Animal Outreach group have indicated a willingness to work together in efforts to reach a solution to the problem. All that is needed is the will of the Councils involved.

In investigating various aspects of this story, the County Voice discovered that there are absolutely no animal shelters in the County (although some individuals and companies, like the Great Haliburton Feed Company, certainly help). The Homeless Animals Rescue Team (HART) is active in the County and work is done in all communities by the SPCA. But most stray dogs or cats are taken to shelters in Bracebridge, Lindsay or Faraday. Feral cats stand little chance of finding a home.

Algonquin Highlands has a contracted service with an animal shelter in Huntsville and Haliburton does have a dog pound. Highlands East seems to be the only municipality in the County with an active cat by-law. Neither Algonquin Highlands nor Dysart have a cat by-law and a Minden Hills by-law is pending.

Shepherd says, "Round 'em up and kill 'em just doesn't work any more. Through no fault of their own, these animals end up homeless. We all bear responsibility for developing humane strategies to deal with the cats that have been abandoned by people."

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Last week the County Voice included an article that sent a strong message about having your water tested if you live in Haliburton County and the surrounding area. The article was well received and we have had many people inquiring about how to go about doing the tests.

According to staff at the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine-Ridge District Health Unit, testing private drinking water is available through them for bacteriological analysis, i.e. e-coli and coliform. The Health Unit will also do follow up work if a Doctor has attributed an illness to something in your water and depending on the circumstances, will order more detailed analysis of the water. You may contact the Health Unit at 705 457-1391.

However, if a resident is looking for testing to determine if there is uranium or other heavy metals in their drinking water they are required to go to a private laboratory. It is important that the laboratory be listed as an accredited lab with the Ministry of Environment. For a current list of laboratories licensed to perform drinking water testing under Part VII of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 check out the following website: <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/water/sdwa/licensedlabs.php>.

One lab that has been used by several of our readers is SGS Lakefield Research Ltd. on Concession Street in Lakefield. They are included in the Ministry's list of approved laboratories. Prices for the tests vary depending on the volumes required and how far they are being sent. The Voice has heard estimates of costs ranging anywhere from \$65 to \$100 or more. ■

Letters Cont'd...

"Please be advised that the MNR staff involved ... have performed their duties competently..."

Dear Editor:

I am writing to correct some inaccurate information that was reported in the article entitled "Gravel Pit Debacle" which appeared in the June 5, 2008 edition of the County Voice. In that article, reference is made to a meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) with the suggestion that a staff member has managed this matter inappropriately. Please be advised that the MNR staff involved in this matter have performed their duties competently and in accordance with the pertinent legislation, policies and procedures. There is no truth to the suggestion that MNR regards this matter to have been handled poorly by any MNR staff.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Vincent Ewing, District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources Box 500 Bancroft, Ontario K0L 1C0

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Worldwide Food Crisis

An unfortunate combination of a shift to growing grain for fuel and chaotic weather conditions around the world could cause global grain reserves to plummet even lower than the current greatest shortfall in half a century, agronomists warn. The latest crop losses have resulted from weeks of incessant storms that submerged vast tracts of fertile land across America's breadbasket. Even if drier weather were to return within the next two weeks, it is becoming too late in the season for farmers to successfully replant their crops. The U.S. losses come on the heels of acute crop losses due to drought in Australia's wheat belt and a complete loss of southern Myanmar's rice crop due to Cyclone Nargis in early May.

Record Monsoon

India's annual southwest monsoon blew into New Delhi on the earliest date ever recorded. It also caused deadly floods in the northeast of the country that killed at least 30 people and left more than 300,000 others homeless. Troops worked to rescue marooned villagers who had taken refuge on elevated highways and embankments after bursting levees caused vast tracts of farmland to become submerged. The Indian Meteorological Department says this year's northward advance of the monsoon rainfall has occurred without any breaks, rather than in the pulses that normally spread it across the Indian subcontinent.

Tropical Cyclone

Tropical Storm Fengshen strengthened to typhoon force well to the east of the Philippines. The storm was predicted to remain far from any significant land areas in the Pacific.

Healthy Ozone Climate

Scientists from Columbia University say they have determined that the eventual healing of the ozone hole over Antarctica during the second half of this century may significantly alter Earth's surface climate. Analyzing projections by various climate models, a team of 10 scientists found that a return to a normal southern stratospheric ozone layer could have profound impacts on surface winds and other aspects of the Earth's climate. Changes would occur in surface temperatures, locations of storm tracks, extent of dry zones, amount of sea ice and ocean circulation, the Columbia team said.

Earthquakes

A violent 7.0 magnitude earthquake killed at least 10 people and injured dozens more in northern Japan. The quake was centered in a largely agricultural region but it was strong enough to shake buildings 300 miles to the south in Tokyo. • A 4.5 magnitude aftershock of China's devastating May 25 temblor killed two more people in Shaanxi province. The death toll from the initial jolt has reached 69,172 with another 17,420 still missing, Xinhua reports. The agency also said that more than 80 percent of the country's giant panda habitat was either damaged or destroyed by the May temblor. • Earth movements were also felt in Panama, Costa Rica and southwestern Greece.

Eruption Strengthens

Southern Chile's Chaiten volcano began erupting with intensified force, causing a new round of damage to nearby communities. The upswing in activity prompted the

army to remove emergency workers from the nearby town of Chaiten. Officials said that the new powerful eruptive phase could be the strongest since Chaiten awakened in early May for the first time in at least 9,000 years. Witnesses reported that two new craters have formed on the volcano, and "significant gas emanations and volcanic material" were coming from the volcano. Scientists have warned that Patagonia could experience ash from Chaiten's eruption for months if not years from now.

Second Icelandic Kill

The second polar bear to reach Iceland within two weeks only to be shot dead by authorities prompted further outcries from wildlife advocates. Both animals appear to have made a grueling 200-mile swim from Greenland to the North Atlantic island nation. Following last week's outrage over the first killing, Icelandic officials had vowed to capture any polar bears in the future, then fly them back to Greenland or give them to a zoo. And while the chief veterinarian from the Copenhagen zoo had been flown in to help capture the latest polar bear immigrant, a police spokesman said they had "no other choice" but to kill the animal after it charged a group of reporters who had rushed to chronicle the latest Arctic arrival. Some questioned why the police failed for a second week in a row to keep people away from the animals until they could be captured. Polar bear sightings have been rare in Iceland until this summer. The two arrivals in such a brief period could lend credence to warnings that global warming is creating more perilous conditions in the bears' habitats.

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Internationally Renowned Physician and Activist Dr. Samantha Nutt Speaks to Rotary

"It's ridiculous for us as Canadians to think that we're doing our part to prevent war and help the planet."

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

On Friday June 20 one of Canada's most influential international activists delivered a speech to a full house at the Bonnie View Inn on Lake Kashagawigamog. War Child Canada's founder and executive director Dr. Samantha Nutt was invited to Haliburton by the local Rotary Club.

War Child Canada is a registered Canadian charity dedicated to providing urgently needed humanitarian assistance to war-affected children around the world, helping to generate awareness, support, and advocacy for children's rights everywhere.

Dr. Nutt founded War Child Canada in 1999, and she has been running it with her husband Dr. Eric Hoskins ever since.

Nutt is a medical doctor with more than a decade of experience working in war zones. Committed to peace, human rights, and social justice, her ambition has always been to help war-affected women and children. She has helped children in some of the world's most violent areas, working with the United Nations and non-governmental organizations in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Iraq, Burundi, northern Uganda, and the Thai-Burmese border.

A specialist in maternal and child health in zones of armed conflict, family medicine, public health, refugee health, and women's health. Dr. Nutt is also on staff at Sunnybrook and Women's Health Science Centre. She is also an assistant professor at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Nutt has been recognized by Maclean's magazine, Global Television, the National Post, Flare magazine, Global Television, Time magazine, Chatelaine magazine and the CBC. Maclean's recently labeled Nutt one of Canada's "top 40 under 40."

In the last several years, Nutt has received honorary doctorates from McMaster University, Brock University and Niagara University for her work promoting human rights and her role in delivering humanitarian assistance to some of the world's most vulnerable populations.

The Haliburton Rotary Club was proud to welcome Dr. Nutt to the Bonnie View on Friday evening. The inn was packed with eager spectators who had bought tickets to listen to Dr. Nutt speak. After the audience enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by the Bonnie View staff, Dr. Nutt began her lecture.

"I see so many family faces in the audience tonight," she began. "The Highlands are a very special place on earth for me. I came to Haliburton in 1995 to work in the clinic for the summer. My husband and I returned for another summer. Haliburton has never left my heart or my mind. Sometimes, when I'm abroad, and times are tough, I imagine being back in Haliburton, by the lake, on the dock, at the cottage."

After praising Rotary for their work as a humanitarian organization, Nutt began to tell her story. "I graduated from medical school in 1994, and I volunteered with UNICEF in Somalia. Before I left I viewed war in the typical Canadian way, as something removed and distant. I was profoundly naïve. My experience in Somalia changed that. I could no longer go back to being the person I was. When I was there, more than 250,000 people died. I worked in food lines, and I saw women holding their dead babies in their arms, thinking that they could still be saved. It was a tidal wave of death, famine, and disease."

Dr. Nutt also recounted her experiences in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where she felt the impact of another brutal war. "War raged in the DRC for many years, and caused the most civilians deaths since world war two. There are hundreds of thou-

"I worked in food lines, and I saw women holding their dead babies in their arms, thinking that they could still be saved. It was in a tidal wave of death, famine, and disease."

sands of children soldiers there. The war in the DRC has been called the war against women. One out of every three Congolese women and girls has been raped.

"The greatest threat to the survival of humanity is war. The insecurity and absurdity of war is outstanding," Nutt said. "People think that war and terrorism has decreased since September 11, 2001. It hasn't though. It's become a lot worse. Terrorist attacks have increased by 200 percent since September 11. They've increased all across the developing world, not just in Afghanistan and Iraq. At the moment, 70 percent of the world's weapons are bought by developing countries. The majority of weapons are made by the developing world. The five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, America, Russia, China, France, and Britain, made the most weapons. Canada is the sixth largest producer of small arms.

These weapons are being used by child soldiers in developing countries. As Canadians we cannot do this. As global citizens we have an obligation to act."

Throughout her lecture, Dr. Nutt explained how individuals can help change things for the better. "We need to force the government to be more responsible. We need to force the government to sign treaties restricting small arms trading. We need to lobby for a ban on certain ammunitions, and things like cluster bombs. Other weapons that kill civilians also need to be restricted." Dr. Nutt made the captivated audience realize that Canadians are more involved in international wars than most think.

"The Canadian Pension

Plan investment board invests in American cluster bomb manufactures, and many other US weapon companies. Canada is helping to fuel wars around the world. It's ridiculous for us as Canadians to think that we're doing our part to prevent war and help the planet."

When Dr. Nutt concluded her speech she was greeted by thunderous applause. She also answered questions from the audience for about ten minutes. When the evening was over the audience had unanimous praise for Dr. Nutt's lecture.

"I think it was great. She was very interesting," said Haliburton Rotary Club President Lon Duncombe. "She cottages in the area, and she loves to talk about her work and spread awareness. She was more than willing to lecture for us. Rotary supports a lot of work overseas. Dr. Nutt gives us a bit of perspective, and lets us listen to a firsthand account. She helps to put our little world in perspective. We all get so used to focusing on the small things, and there is so much in the world that needs to be addressed."



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JDH Students Get Competitive Track and Field Event Meets Aboriginal Awareness Day



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The entire student body at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School traded the classroom for the outdoors on Wednesday, June 18 to take part in some track and field events, while celebrating aboriginal awareness day.

In teams, students in Grades 4-8 combined efforts to try and accumulate the most, or least amount of points, in a variety of events including: long jump, the chicken toss, tug of war and a 60 m sprint, to name a few.

The top three ranking teams received ribbons for their results. The purpose of the track and field day was to encourage fun, fair play, sportsmanship and participation.

June 21 is recognized as National Aboriginal Awareness Day. This is a day to celebrate, honour and acknowledge the culture, heritage and achievements of Aboriginal people in Canada. ■



Shoreline Controls on Kawagama Lake

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Members of the Kawagama Lake Cottagers Association (KLCA) the Algonquin Highlands Council found they were both working from the same page regarding shoreline controls last week. Chuck McDonald and Eric Miller of the KLCA met with Council and discussed a number of issues. While the focus of their discussions centred on the need for greater shoreline controls, water sampling and airport development were also covered.

McDonald and Miller also recently met with the Dysart Council to discuss the possibility of a by-law that would control shoreline alterations and vegetation removal. McDonald reported that KLCA members have monitored activity in Lake of Bays following their establishment of a similar by-law. After two years of monitoring the by-law's success in Lake of Bays, KLCA membership was polled and support received to approach both Dysart and Algonquin Highlands in efforts to establish by-laws that will help protect their shorelines. The Dysart Council agreed to give the matter consideration, but according to McDonald they have heard no word yet. Establishing this type of control in Algonquin Highlands turned out to be much simpler.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner advised McDonald and Miller that last fall Council included a requirement

for shoreline buffers during a review of their comprehensive zoning by-law. Municipal Clerk Angie Bird said the Council had also passed a number of site specific by-laws where conditions requiring replanting on a shoreline were imposed as part of severance agreements. She said this same process is in place as part of minor variance applications as well. Bird also said that even though the official plan requires developers to maintain specified amounts of vegetation, the Municipality had no real way to enforce replanting.

Referring to the plan, Gardner said, "We needed to give it some teeth." Gardner read the definition of a shoreline buffer in the zoning by-law and suggested that the proposed change should take care of the concerns raised by the KLCA. Miller agreed that both groups seemed to be on the same page, adding that their request would further reinforce the action taken by Council in the hopes of greater controls. Gardner commented that Council had heard of instances that constituted clear cutting in some areas and that they had wanted a stronger mechanism to deal with the problem.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that Dysart and Algonquin Highlands should try to be on the same page when dealing with issues of mutual concern like this. She suggested comments be sought from Dysart.

Councillor Don Shortreed inquired about KLCA's water sampling program, asking if it would be expanded in the future. Miller said last summer the Association had started a pilot project, testing for e-coli and coliforms. He said they had received encouraging results from the program and had decided to expand it to establish a baseline for future comparisons. Eight sites will be tested four times this year. Miller added that whether phosphorus testing would be done in the future was still in the air as it is a costly process.

McDonald then inquired about activity at the airport, commenting that he understood it to be a bit of an issue at the present time. Harrison said, "We're doing extensive work at the site to determine if we can build a new runway." She said that land had been purchased late last year with that in mind, adding that the Council wants to make an educated decision as to whether the property would sustain a runway. "We have some safety issues on the existing runway and we need to determine if we can build a cross wind runway," Harrison said. She added that the Council would share the results of their investigations with the public at regular Council meetings and an open house early in the fall. ■

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Throughout the D.A.R.E. program, McMaster visited students in the classroom for a nine-week period and taught them about the dangers of tobacco and alcohol

use, drugs and the consequences associated with using and abusing these substances. Students must successfully complete the program in order to move on to the next grade.

"The pressures on kids nowadays are tremendous," said McMaster. "This is a great bunch of kids and I have great hopes for their future."

McMaster says that it's easy to become jaded when you're an officer. Working with kids in the D.A.R.E. program is one of the ways he's been able to keep himself grounded.

"I certainly enjoy this part of my job," he said.

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Mountain Lake AGM

The Mountain Lake Property Owners Association (MLPOA) prepared for the busy summer season with their Annual General Meeting at the Twin Lakes Resort on Saturday morning. The meeting was crowded, with more than 80 property owners in attendance. The meeting covered a wide range of topics, but the focus seemed to be the lake stewardship plan.

"Last year we qualified for a MNR grant, and we rehabilitated trout spawning beds," said Association President Don Benson. "We're expanding our efforts, and making sure that we preserve the lake. We want to maintain wildlife habitats and ensure a high quality of water."

"We got approval from the membership to draft a stewardship plan last year," said Association Treasurer Ruth Benson. "In a survey we asked people to express their values and opinions. In response we did research, gathered information, and wrote a plan. We had help from a consultant, but we didn't use him as much as we thought we'd need to. We have a statement of recommendations and guidelines to improve the quality of the lake. Water quality seems to be the greatest concern for most people. There are lots of things that people can do to help. They

can naturalize their shorelines, use phosphate free soaps, and check their septic tanks regularly."

According to several members, the MLPOA does not want Mountain Lake to become as developed as other Highland lakes, like Kashagawigamog. "There is a lot of development that could be harmful," Ruth Benson said. "We're trying to get people thinking about the welfare of the lake. People want to see trees and natural surroundings while enjoying peace and quiet."

Minden Hills Councilor Bill Obee spoke at the meeting on behalf of the Minden Food Bank. He reminded the property owners that while the Highlands are a beautiful place to live, there is still a great need, and demand for, food banks. He therefore encouraged people to support

Lake Stewardship Focus of Annual Meeting



Ruth and Don Benson of the MLPOA

the bank and to help the less fortunate. Obee also informed the property owners of the new Minden library expansion, saying that many cottagers utilize and appreciate the facilities.

During the meeting a draft of the lake stewardship plan was presented to the members, who unanimously accepted it. Don Benson also informed the members of a new lake trout program that people can participate in. "David Flowers of the MNR is asking for trout fishermen to keep a diary of their fishing," he said. "We've also been asked to take a one-hole punch out of the tail of any trout caught. This doesn't harm the fish, but the sample can be used by the MNR for DNA analysis. This tells them if the fish was stocked, or if it belongs to the original population. This kind of information is really valuable. People think that there are lake trout everywhere, but only about one percent of lakes in North America contain the trout, or so I'm told."

There was a wide variety of clothing for sale at the general meeting. All of the clothes sported a stylish logo and the words "Mountain Lake." Clothing revenues help to support the Association and fund events on the lake. These events include a picnic day and a golf tournament. There was also a raffle for natural soap products, a first aid kit, and a gift basket.

The meeting hall at the Twin Lakes Resort provided a beautiful setting for the gathering. Guests enjoyed a wide variety of refreshments and drinks while they discussed the future of their beloved lake.

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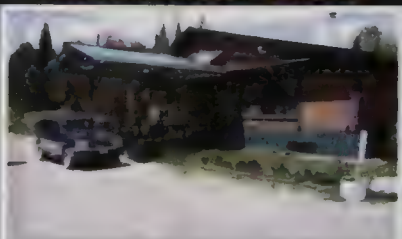
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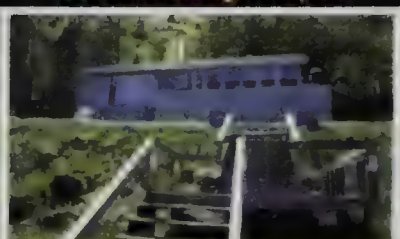
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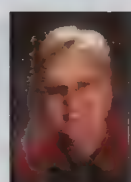
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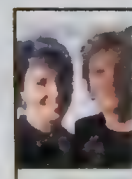
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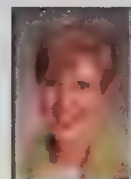
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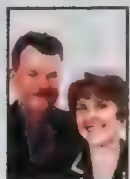
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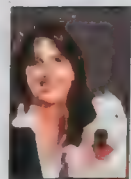
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- 6. Boundary Line
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- 45. Universe
- 46. Earth
- 47. Ocean
- 48. Sea
- 49. Bay
- 50. Strait
- 51. Canal
- 52. River
- 53. Stream
- 54. Brook
- 55. Creek
- 56. Pond
- 57. Lake
- 58. Sea
- 59. Ocean
- 60. Universe

SCALE

1 inch = 1 mile

Community of KOSHLONG LAKE

The KLA was also at pains to remind its members of the dangers of invasive species getting into Koshlong via bait, boats, and even ATVs. Lake Steward Terry Corbett reported that the Lake water is still of very high quality, but that no one's under any illusion that without constant vigilance it will stay that way forever. ■

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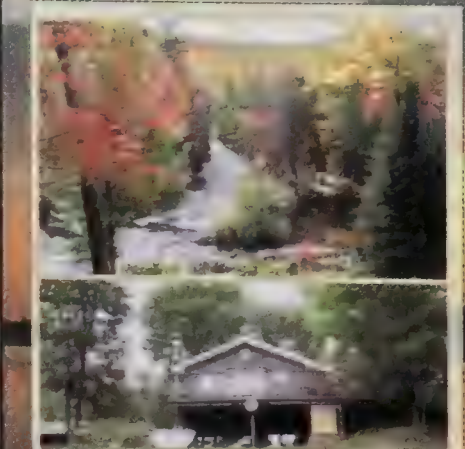
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Stormy Lake - \$379,900



3 bdrm, 1 bath Viceroy type cottage with excellent big lake view. Vaulted windows with cathedral ceilings and loaded with pine flooring. Open concept with centralized fireplace in living room. Includes aluminum boat & motor, paddleboat, fridge, stove, dishwasher, washer & dryer and most of the furnishings.

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Gull Lake - \$997,000



Prime 2 separate waterfront parcels on prestigious Gull Lake offering 377 feet frontage and 2.26 acres. Panabode cedar three + bdrm 4 season log home features hardwood floors, natural stone corner fireplace, master bedroom ensuite, main floor laundry, hot tub, sauna, sunroom plus loads more!!

Al Mayo * 286-1234

Kennis Lake - \$389,000



On a sheltered bay in Kennis Lake with . Terraced lot making the distance to the cottage and lake very acceptable. Newer septic and block foundation to give storage area. Natural stone fireplace. 2 bdrms, 4 pc bath and upgraded oak kitchen.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel * 254-1932

North Shore Rd - \$205,000



Situated on 2 acres with access to Beach Lake close by. This 3 bedroom home has a sunken living room, open concept kitchen/living room, screened in porch off master bedroom. Included is a wood stove for those chilly nights, HRV system, and a propane furnace. Single car garage.

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Beech Lake - \$789,000



7600 sq. ft. of living space comes fully furnished from 6 bedrooms to the audio/video equip in the sound proof theatre. All inclusive is outdoor entertainment as well including a ski boat, 2 snowmobiles, 2 kayaks, right down to outdoor furnishings and a BBQ hooked up in the gazebo.

Chris & Michelle Smolary * 457-2414

Boshkung Lake - \$349,900



Dive into the deep clean waters of Boshkung Lake off your own dock and then back up to the cottage for dinner on the deck while watching the sun set. Make your memories here! This 3 bedroom cottage is neat as a pin and would only need winter water for year round use.

Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234 ex 238

Kashawigamog Rd - \$349,900



Lots of room to roam and putter in the gardens or relax in your own open breeze screened sunroom. This spacious bungalow has a finished recreation room and a bunkie to boot. Gorgeous ceramic floors & wood cover most of the main level. A large workshop awaits your imagination.

Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234 ex 238

Family Home - \$275,000



Great family home very close to town, 1.35 ac lot private setting 3 bedroom, propane fireplace, double attached garage asking \$275,000.

David Lee * 286-1234
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Monck Rd - \$219,000



Monck Rd close to two towns, large home on 6 ac. double garage and inground pool. value priced at \$219,000. must be sold.

David Lee * 286-1234
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Halls Lake - \$498,000



Beautiful 3+1 BR waterfront home/cottage on Halls Lake. Open concept living makes it great for entertaining. Huge master bedroom, main floor laundry, walk-out basement. Also has 2 BR bunkie for guests.

Vince Jarvis * 286-1234

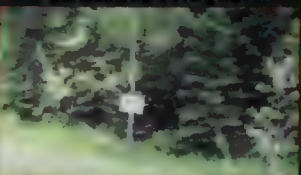
Big Boshkung Lake - \$950,000



400 feet on Big Boshkung, 2000 feet on a private road, 32.6 acres. Well treed, very private, great beach. 3 bedroom cottage with 1000 sq ft of living space, boat house, laundry building with it's own hot water heater, 3 year old roof, wood burning stove, propane heat

Grace Lougheed * 286-4106

Irontale River - \$25,000



Nice building lot located on the Irontale River. Year round municipal access, subject to a Right Of Way. Nicely treed, good building site.

Susan Johnson * 286-1234

Little Gull Lake - \$339,000



Viceroy 4 season cottage or home with 3 bdrms, open concept living room/kitchen. Walkout to a lovely rock garden with ponds and waterfalls. Large lakeside deck & dock. Backs onto the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park, and is about 10 minutes from town and all amenities.

Susan Johnson * 286-1234

Fabulous Home - \$189,900



3+ bedroom home or cottage. Boasting beautiful perennial gardens, 4 season sunroom, artemis well and new shingles in 2007, lots of parking and a large garage and workshop add to the value of this home. Deeded access to the Kennis River.

Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234

Country Home - \$219,900



3 bdrm home situated on over 2 acres with beautiful perennial gardens and wonderful views from the new (November 2007) FM thermal windows with UV protection. Sided deck (19 x 12'4). A root cellar. This is not to be missed!

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Ed Gibbons * 286-1234

Kudog Lake - \$879,000



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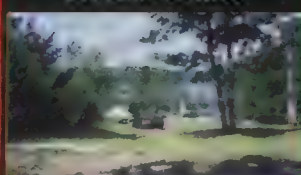
Burnt River - \$179,900



Brick bungalow. Move in condition. One of the 3 bedrooms is partially completed, could very easily be a large master bedroom. Only 3km away from 4-Mile Lake with public access and boat launch. 3-season sunroom on large deck with great view of level backyard.

Peter Franzini * 286-1234

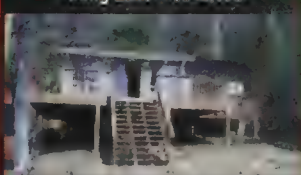
Bob Lake - \$149,000



Private waterfront lot. Spectacular view. Driveway in with building site cleared and hydro service on pole. Lot has 140 feet of west facing frontage with over 7 acres to secure privacy. Stairs from upper deck down to deck at water's edge. Bob Lake is over 200' deep with great fishing

Tom Gardner * 286-1234

Long Lake - \$349,000



Open concept three bdrm cottage. Fabulous lake views from deck with gradual slope to water. Well treed for great privacy and terrific shoreline. Living room and dining room have access to large deck through sliding door. Newer kitchen cupboards and laminate floors.

Tom Gardner * 286-1234

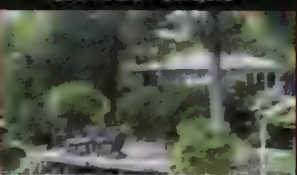
Moore Lk - \$339,900



Moore lake conveniently located on Hwy. 35 in Moore's Falls with a rare commercial zoning. Neat & clean 4 bedroom, 2 washroom 2,200 sq. ft. home on a partially finished walk-out basement. Numerous upgrades include propane radiant floor heating.

Anthony van Lieshout ** 457-2414

Loon Lake - \$398,500



Loon Lake. Combination of deep water and sand cove (with private island!). Beautiful meticulous yard with pond. Spotless modern 3 bdrm, 2 bath, loaded in pine. Features master ensuite with jacuzzi tub, formal dining area, hardwood floors, oak kitchen, main floor laundry, sunroom, woodstove.

Lorri Roberts * 457-2414

Glamor Lk Rd - \$269,900



11 acre parcel with nicely manicured area. Meticulously maintained modern open concept 1,344 sq. ft. 3+1 bdrm Viceroy style home on a full partially finished walkout lower level. Features cathedral pine ceilings, fireplace, solid wood kitchen.

Cathy Bain * 457-2414

Haliburton By the Lake - \$399,900



Custom quality built two year new 1728 sq ft home loaded in upgrades. Located in a prestigious Haliburton Village development. Fully finished lower level. Features two fireplaces, custom kitchen with centre island, master bedroom 5 pce ensuite, main floor laundry, slate floor.

Cathy Bain * 457-2414

Kennis Lake - \$598,500



Kennis Lake. Extensive docking. Beautiful 1540 sq ft 3 bdrm, 2 bath 'Royal' home on full basement. Features spacious modern kitchen, living room with corner fireplace & vaulted ceiling, sunroom, main floor laundry & stunning master bedroom with double Jacuzzi tub en-suite.

Lorri Roberts * 457-2414

12 Mile Lk - \$499,900



Spectacular custom built new (never been lived in) Viceroy style 2 bedroom plus loft home located on a level point lot with 189 feet frontage on prestigious Twelve Mile Lake (3 lake chain). Stone fireplace and windows, custom eat-in kitchen area, hardwood floors throughout, loft area, full basement, 2 bath.

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Carl Dixon Continues Long Road to Recovery

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

West Guilford Musician Still Recuperating in Australia

It's been just over three months since that fateful afternoon on March 14, and a head-on accident on a thoroughfare near Ballan, Australia.

And Carl Dixon is thankful to be alive.

The 40-year-old West Guilford musician, current front man for the Guess Who, and former guitarist and singer for Coney Hatch and April Wine, is taking some time right now.

Time to look back and consider what might have been. Time to contemplate on the here and now. He is living in the moment, blotting distractions and working hard on process.

He is recuperating at The Alfred hospital in Melbourne Australia. His injuries are devastating. His outlook on life right now is, not surprisingly, upbeat.

Not unexpected because Carl Dixon is, above all else, an up-tempo guy.

He will rebound. He says that he is dealing with life right now one day at a time. His website, carldixon.com is filled with logs and blogs of support from fellow musicians, family, friends and the ski hill fraternity he came to know over the past three years at Sir Sam's Ski Area. The well wishes span the world. Florida, Britain,

California, Toronto, South America. Dixon says that the messages and the letters have helped to sustain him in his struggle.

In a recent letter posted to his website, Dixon responded. "Still here guys and gals: I'm working away at all the exercises I'm permitted in order to get strong enough to start walking and get released from hospital for my return home," said Dixon.

"I marvel still at all the messages which continue to flood in with encouragement, prayers, and get well wishes. It is inspirational to

me — have no doubt. It gives me a feeling of motivation and strength when I see how many people care."

For the first time, there are pictures of the Toyota Corolla on the website. For the first time, one is staggered by the enormity of the collision. We are reminded about Carl Dixon's twist with fate and we are reminded about just how lucky Carl Dixon is to be with us today. The picture of the battered Corolla is a stark reminder of a crash and a day that quite literally changed this young man's life.

On the day of the accident, Dixon was heading back to join his wife Betty Ujvari and daughter Lauren, 12, for dinner after a recording session at a local studio.

He was recording a song for the popular Australian television series *The Saddle Club*.

Lauren plays the lead role of Stevie in the series, which is being filmed at Daylesford. Ujvari had been in Australia with Lauren during filming of the popular series. After the accident, the couple's other daughter Carlin, 16, flew to Australia to be with her family and father.

Rescue crews took 90 minutes to extract Dixon from the car and he was airlifted to The Alfred and intensive care. He spent the better part of the next three weeks in an induced coma.

The list of injuries is quite literally staggering. Head injury consisting of haemorrhage and cerebral oedema; right orbital wall fracture and severe trauma to the globe; fractured right C7 vertebrae; right pulmonary contusion; liver lacerations; pancreatic duodenum; right fractured femur; left fractured tibia; right fractured forearm bones; right open knee; multiple facial lacerations; a broken right finger; broken left toe; and over 150 external stitches and staples.

On May 8th they prepared his right eye socket for a prosthetic. The accident caused severe and irreparable damage to the right eye. Dixon says that he soldiers on with the help and support of Betty, Carlin and Lauren who have been with him along the way.

"The inspiration?" writes Dixon. "That comes in large part from every one of you. Whether you believe it or not, I'm here to tell you that being the recipient of all of this love, positivity, and good wishes has worked for me. Betty reads to me daily the messages that we receive and daily I'm moved to tears."

Dixon feels blessed. He is amazed at the level of care and support provided by the staff at The Alfred.

"I've had a few ups and downs since my last report mostly psychological because it is a long haul to get to the finish line from so far behind the pack," says Dixon. "It just wears on me mentally I guess. That's when your messages are the greatest help. Physically my progress is ahead of all expectations and they say I'm a good healer. It feels good to be up on one foot at least and using my muscles again to build up strength. When I first came around from the coma I was pretty con-

fused but determined. I set some goals in those first few weeks, which proved to be unrealistic and naïve. Later, I realized how much of a beating I took and set more realistic goals for my return to regular life first and then performance."

And, as winter descends in Melbourne, summer is just beginning here.

And ... Carl Dixon misses his Highlands.

"It's been a long time since I've seen home so that's my first overriding objective. I miss my trees, and my ponds and, my field, and my house. I have also decided that I must take the summer, at least, off from performances to rebuild my strength and I am hoping now to get back in the autumn if all goes as I hope it will."



Lauren, Carl, and Carlin

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Keeping Perfect Harmony in the Community

Point In Time Members Show Just How Much They Care

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

There was a lot to reflect upon at this year's Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents' annual general meeting held on Tuesday, June 17 at the Fleming College campus in Haliburton.

"This is wonderful for me because the first time I did this I looked out and I almost knew no one. I'm looking out now and I recognize many faces. That's wonderful," said President Penny Obee in her opening remarks.

"Today I was trying to think of an analogy for this organization and at that particular time on Hwy 35 there was a car stereo at full blast. They were playing classical music and it was wonderful day and I was thinking, 'That's kind of how I feel about this group.' When you first here us or see us, some people are taken aback. This is a powerful group. Then when you start investigating us, you realize that we are made up of many individual people with huge individual talents which wouldn't be recognized as powerfully if they didn't all come together in one meshed piece of music," said Obee. "I really think that the conductor of this symphony is the children and families in Haliburton because that's what drives all of us."

Point in Time offers a wide range of supports and services to children, youth and families in Haliburton County. These services are provided primarily through three service clusters, family support, clinical services and youth justice. The mission statement of the organization is to "identify, provide and strengthen support services enabling children, youth and families to function at their highest potential."

Several members of Point In Time were recognized with awards and gifts during the meeting for their dedication and hard work in the organization. For example, some were recognized for upgrading their education/training and others for raising funds in last year's Relay for Life fundraiser.

"One of the things we've been doing this last year was making sure we met our legislative requirements," said Executive Director Marg Cox. "That's meant a lot of hard work for a lot of people. I think that everyone in the room has had Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System training and some people have had first aid training. It's important stuff because the health and safety of the staff is important," said Cox.

Christine Hewitt, a special guest at the meeting, was invited up to the podium to speak about her first-hand experiences with Point In Time. Over the years, her daughter Brittany has greatly benefited from the free services that the organization provides.

"We've been dealing with Point In Time for 10 years so it's like a celebration and an anniversary for myself and my family," began Hewitt. "My daughter and I have received tremendous support, care and help over the past decade. It really is hard to believe where the time goes."

Brittany was first referred to Point In Time by the family physician when she was just six months old. The doctor felt that Brittany was slightly delayed with her motor skills. Claire Sylvan, an Infant Development Consultant with the group was the first one who began helping Brittany.

"She came directly to us and began working week after week on exercises that would assist Brittany in sitting up on her own. Claire soon identified that we needed a little bit of extra help in getting her to walk," said Hewitt.

After being pointed in the right direction, Brittany was able to walk just like any other child by the time she was 13 months old.

"I remember being amazed and still am to this day that we had access to such great services right here in our community. I thought 'Wow, this is truly a blessing.' I really could not get over how easy it was."

Brittany was doing just fine until she had to move on to pre-school. Hewitt explained how her daughter, like many others out there, struggled to



Point in Time Board President Penny Obee

focus in school. "We were recommended to see Darlene Briscoe (Resource Consultant). Darlene has been assisting Brittany in her development since she was three years old. For seven years she has been a God-send," said Hewitt.

"Without a doubt, Darlene has been pivotal to Brittany's development. Not only with the love and support she has given to us, but also in referring us to different services of Point In Time that I would have not known existed. I'm proud to know Darlene on a personal and professional basis."

To this day, Briscoe continues to work with Brittany to oversee and help teach her.

"She advocates continually on our behalf. She is my eyes and ears especially in the classroom where I cannot be everyday," said Hewitt, who left the Point In Time staff with one final message.

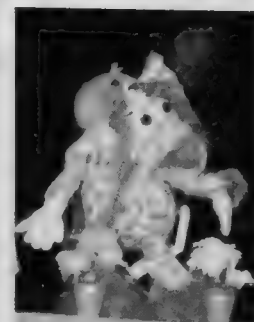
"Each and every one of you has not only the experience and education to help children and their families in this community, you have the compassion, care, dedication and it does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. You are not only helping these children that need immediate support, but you are making an impact on their lives that will help to shape their future."

Claire Sylvan, a member of Point In Time for the past 19 years, will be retiring this fall. At the meeting, Sylvan was congratulated for her dedication. Sylvan also took to the stage to discuss a program she has taken a great deal of pride in being a part of while being a staff member.

"I wanted to give you a little tiny snapshot of the program that is really dear to my heart and that we've been doing in the County for more than 10 years. The Parent, Child, Mother Goose program is where we sit around in a circle and we do songs and rhymes. It sounds very simple and like lots of very powerful things, it is simple," said Sylvan.

Sylvan went on to provide audience members with an interactive demonstration of how this program that promotes attachment with the infant and their parent works. Under her direction, everyone in the room was soon holding on to "air babies", as they practiced various sing-along songs and baby rocking techniques.

To conclude the evening, a Point In Time Puppet Players revealed their brand new puppets in a play produced by Kathryn Boyd on bullying. ■



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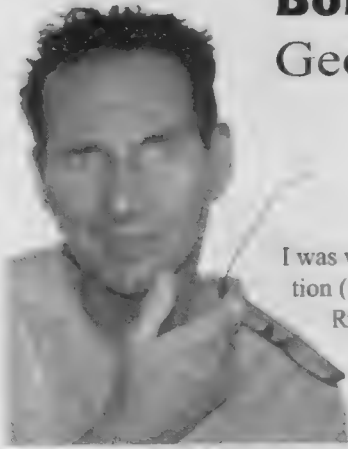
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George Carlin Dies at 71, Leaves the Baseball versus Football Legacy



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

I was watching ESPN's Pardon the Interruption (PTI) show on Monday, and hosts Bob

Ryan and Michael Wilbon took some time at the end of the show to remember George Carlin, who died this week from a heart attack.

"He will be remembered for the seven words you can't say on television

and his genius commentary on politics, language and the culture," said Wilbon. "An hour of George Carlin made me happy for a week."

Ryan said, "He was 71, and he never lost his fastball."

George Carlin was Al Sleet, the Hippy Dippy Weatherman. "Temperature at the airport is 88 degrees, which is stupid because I don't know anybody who lives at the airport."

He wrote a routine called "A place for my Stuff" which I urge anyone with the time or inclination to download.

Like Wilbon, I grew up with Carlin and his arcane and bang-on commentary on the world at large.

I first heard the dreaded Seven Words routine in religion class at St. Pius X Preparatory Seminary. Fr. Bob Bedard - better known as Big Bob - was our English teacher, basketball coach, religion teacher and my staff advisor.

I can't remember the circumstances involved. Pius was an all boys high school back then. Big Bob liked to bring his students into the world at large. There should be more teachers like Big Bob around today. He read us Shakespeare in English. Big Bob said that Shakespeare should be acted out loud ... not simply read.

Big Bob was an eclectic soul. I remember that he took the class to Handel's Messiah at the National Art's Center that same year.

I have no idea why Big Bob brought the Carlin recording to our Grade 12 Religion class. I am guessing that Big Bob simply liked George Carlin. I do know that I went out and bought the album that afternoon after school.

And I continued to buy George's albums. He remained, for me, a seminal comic, the guy who along with Lenny Bruce and Richard Pryor inspired a whole generation of comics who used humor as hammer for social change.

For me, Carlin made sense. He was unerring and unapologetic. He skewered the fakers. He spoke out against the war. Which one? All of them.



My favorite routine, Seven Words notwithstanding, was his commentary on Football versus Baseball.

Sports Column

If you follow sports, you will know, instinctively, that there are two camps of sports fans in America.

Those that like football and those that like baseball. (Those that like Nascar played too much football ... without a helmet.)

Carlin explored the nuance of this struggle in a routine, which still gets millions of hits on You Tube today.

I'll let you decide which camp you're in.

Baseball is a nineteenth-century pastoral game.

Football is a twentieth-century technological struggle.

Baseball is played on a diamond, in a park. The baseball park!

Football is played on a gridiron, in a stadium, sometimes called Soldier Field or War Memorial Stadium.

Baseball begins in the spring, the season of new life.

Football begins in the fall, when everything's dying.

In football you wear a helmet.

In baseball you wear a cap.

Football is concerned with downs - what down is it?

Baseball is concerned with ups - who's up?

In football you receive a penalty.

In baseball you make an error.

In football the specialist comes in to kick.

In baseball the specialist comes in to relieve somebody.

Football has hitting, clipping, spearing, piling on, personal fouls, late hitting and unnecessary roughness.

Baseball has the sacrifice.

Football is played in any kind of weather: rain, snow, sleet, hail, fog...

In baseball, if it rains, we don't go out to play.

Baseball has the seventh inning stretch.

Football has the two-minute warning.

Baseball has no time limit: we don't know when it's gonna end - might have extra innings.

Football is rigidly timed, and it will end even if we've got to go to sudden death.

In baseball, during the game, in the stands, there's kind of a picnic feeling; emotions may run high or low, but there's not too much unpleasantness.

In football, during the game in the stands, you can be sure that at least twenty-seven times you're capable of taking the life of a fellow human being.

And finally, the objectives of the two games are completely different:

In football the object is for the quarterback, also known as the field general, to be on target with his aerial assault, riddling the defense by hitting his receivers with deadly accuracy in spite of the blitz, even if he has to use shotgun. With short bullet passes and long bombs, he marches his troops into enemy territory, balancing this aerial assault with a sustained ground attack that punches holes in the forward wall of the enemy's defensive line.

In baseball the object is to go home! And to be safe! - I hope I'll be safe at home!

George Carlin went home this week.

But not before leaving his mark on the playing field.

And Boston Globe columnist Bob Ryan was right.

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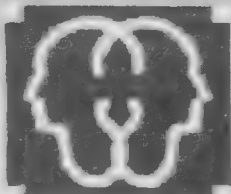
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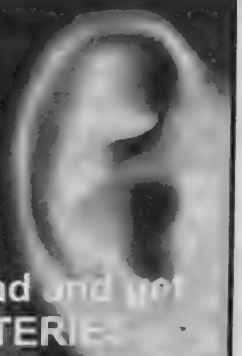
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Curling Club Golf Tournament



There was cold rain and vicious wind last Wednesday afternoon but that didn't stop the dedicated members of the Haliburton Curling Club from enjoying a bit of golf. Each spring the curlers host a charity tournament to help support their organization. Traditionally only club members had been allowed to participate, but this year the tournament was open to the public. As a result there was an influx of entries, which forced the Curling club to hold the tournament at two different courses simultaneously. Both the Lakeside Golf Club in West Guilford and the Haliburton Highlands Golf Club on Kashagawigamog had more than 60 people participate.

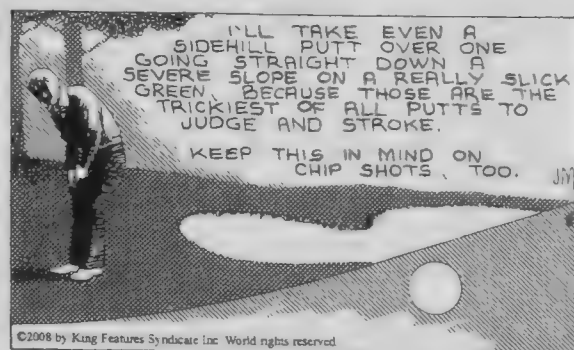
When the golfers completed the tournament they headed to the Curling Club in Haliburton. More than 140 people enjoyed a dinner of beef on a bun and salads followed by lavish desserts. The meal was made by the curling club's lady volunteers. After dinner the winning teams from both golf courses were announced, and they each received four free rounds of golf. Art Dawson, Joe Iles, Len Salvatori, and Ken Wilson were the victors at Lakeside, while Steve Todd, Doug Stewart, Monty Miscio and Josh Shaw finished in first place at the Highlands course.

Tickets for the tournament and dinner only cost \$40, which all golfers agreed was a great price. The Club was able to raise approximately \$3000, which will be used to maintain the curling facilities and programmes. "It's the first time

that we've operated such a large tournament," said Club President Bruce Martin. "Both courses were almost full. It was wonderful. The day went really well. The weather wasn't perfect, but all of the golfers finished their rounds. Those at Lakeside got really wet, while those at the Highlands course only got slightly wet."

Martin accredits Bob MacNaull and his team of organizers with the tournament's success. The Haliburton Curling Club has another fundraiser planned for this summer, but the stakes are much higher. The club will be selling 105 raffle tickets, each costing \$200. The raffle will be drawn on November 30, and the winner will receive \$10,000. ■

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Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council (HHSC) is a collection of community members serving in a volunteer capacity to provide a myriad of services to land owners and the general public in Haliburton County. One of 42 community-based councils located throughout the province, Stewardship Councils like the HHSC are formed geographically by community and population. Approximately 16,000 volunteers take part in more than 600 Ontario Stewardship projects every year, including natural resource education, shoreline restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement and forest-related, community-driven initiatives.

Ontario Stewardship Councils find their roots in landowners' desire to participate in making the decisions that affect them. This, combined with the Ministry of Natural Resources being expected to provide more with less money, resulted in the idea of community-based councils in 1995. Support money is made available to each local council for distribution to projects, events and initiatives that support stewardship goals. With community members driving forward local initiatives and supporting community stewardship, these public resources can be made to be more responsive to the community needs.

The HHSC consists of 13 members representing diverse backgrounds in forestry, administration, the arts, education and business. This diversity breeds balance in addressing a variety of community needs and brings wide-ranging skill

competition. The Council also takes the lead in supporting such great initiatives as tree planting programs, Sustainable Living Workshops, Landowner Service Directories and the Constructed Wetland project at the local fish hatchery. The

HHSC also partners with the Lakeland Alliance to help provide clear information for lakefront land owners in regards to shoreline rehabilitation and enhancement work.

Stewardship can be an over-used concept, lumped in with other popular environmental action words like sustainability, eco-friendly and green. To the Council, stewardship is an ethic in which humans care for natural resources as one part of a larger natural system. To participate in environmental stewardship is to make a personal commitment to the land, water and wildlife and to sustain and enhance it for generations to come. The Council often acts as a forum for information exchange, to bring fresh ideas and discussion regarding natural resource management issues into the light. To that end, this article marks the beginning of a series of articles to discuss topics related to stewardship in the Haliburton Highlands. Written primarily by HHSC members, these articles are intended to share information and stimulate discussion; we would welcome any feedback that readers care to give!

We hope that you enjoy the articles we will present over the following months. Thank you for joining us in our mission to promote and support sustainable stewardship of the private land resources of the Haliburton Highlands. For more information on the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council's events, projects, initiatives and volunteer opportunities, call Nicole Tuyten at 286-5206. ■

Who Are We?

sets together to work on resource management issues. The Council meets once a month to discuss initiatives and organize events. Stewardship Coordinator Nicole Tuyten organizes and manages projects with support from council members. Meetings are moved forward and kept on task by Chairman Jim McHardy, and the events supported by our council are impressive: our on-going Stewardship Series has covered topics such as climate change, managing your woodlot, invasive species, deer and moose and maple syrup production. Stewardship Discovery Days, offered almost every Wednesday in July and August, are great family outings with a strong emphasis on fun and active learning. With titles like "Wildlife CSI," "Flying Wonders," and "Life on the Edge: Shoreline Ecology", these half day programs are well attended by those looking to learn and connect with their local environment. Other events with which the HHSC is involved include the Junior Naturalist Camp, Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival, Kids and Kops and Take a Kid Fishing events, as well as the EcoSchool Program, Enviro Fair, the Ontario Stewardship Ranger program and the Envirothon

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At a special assembly on Monday morning, ASES grade seven students received recognition and awards for their successes over the past school year. Winnit stickers and applause were abundant for a variety of activities, but distinguished recognition, along with scholarships and plaques, was celebrated in the areas of academic honours, athletics-sportsmanship, arts and student leadership.

While academic recognition is based on marks, the other awards are determined through a nomination process and voted on by school staff members. The list of criteria is extensive and encompasses much more than classroom achievement alone. Leadership, sportsmanship, participation, skills, creativity and cooperation are just some of the qualities required to be among the nominees. ■

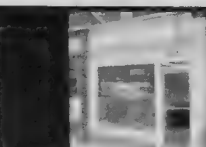
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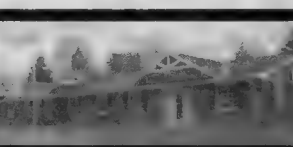
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Kin Club - Pulling for the Community

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The Minden Kin Club hosted its 21st annual "Truck Pull and Show and Shine" at the Minden fairgrounds on Saturday. Although the event was smaller than other years, the competition was fierce and the fan base loyal.

Trucks were polished and paraded while spectators chowed down on burgers, dogs and peameal-on-a-bun, affectionately dubbed "McMindens". From his perch in the announcement booth, Tom Prentice Sr. kept the crowd informed of competition results, while Moose FM radio broadcast live from the event. An interesting wave of community participation was evident both on and beyond the track. Attention was momentarily diverted from the trucks when Dennis Debler literally "dropped in" to check out the action, and nobody could miss the applause as enthusiasm peaked when young Dawson Hamilton, home from Sick Kids Hospital, rode shotgun in Steve Beaver's entry.

Passing showers later in the afternoon temporarily sent people scrambling for cover in the beer tent, while others found shelter under tarps and overhangs, but a little mud didn't stop the rigs, the show went on. Dave Pettes of Minden set a new record with a pull of 400 ft and 4.68 in., (122.04 m) the best in the event's twenty-one year history.

While all about trucks, it was evident that this was in fact a community and family occasion cloaked in shiny metal and sporting lots of horsepower. For over two decades the Kin Club has supported local community programs while entertaining and challenging folks at its "Truck Pull & Show and Shine". ■



Drew Pettes and his winning truck

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Poverty in Haliburton

Haliburton may be a land of great natural beauty and tranquility, but it is a county with major socio-economic problems. Highlanders were shocked when local publications recently announced that Haliburton was the poorest county in the province. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has released a series of reports that illustrates just how severe poverty is within the Highlands.

One report, titled "Building Better Outcomes for Children in Haliburton County, A Report to the Community on Child Poverty," is a multidimensional approach to issues of poverty. It displays how much lower average income levels are in Haliburton, and how far the county is behind the rest of the province. In average yearly earnings, Haliburton County is about \$14,000 behind the provincial average. According to the report, 41% of all households have an income of \$29,000 or less per year. This, of course, is little money to survive on.

The report also shows how little subsidized housing there is within the Highlands for seniors and low income families. Due to the shortage, many families are forced to wait as long as four years for subsidized housing.

After explaining the county's widespread poverty, the report explains how children are affected. Children greatly increase a family's expenses, which forces many families to rely on government assistance. Many local families also rely on food banks. According to the report, up to 50% of food bank recipients in Haliburton County are children. However, as the report explains, "Most food banks allow families to use their services once a month. They give enough food to feed their family for 3-4 days. Most do not provide families with fresh produce, dairy, or meat." It is therefore evident that the desperately poor cannot depend on food banks.

To fully illustrate Highland poverty, the report includes statements made by local citizens. "I am trying to find a job but have had no success," read one quote by a lone parent on social assistance. "My welfare cheque is not enough to meet our needs. I make sure I pay the rent. I use the food bank and trade the children's clothes with my friends. I try to juggle the rest."

"My husband works full time but only makes \$266/week," said a mother from a Haliburton working family. "Our car is a clunker and we pay \$180/month on car payments. When the car broke down last month we couldn't afford to fix it. Now he hitchhikes to work. It scares me. I worry about how he will get home at midnight."

Another economically struggling Highlands' citizen said, "I ask my boss for pay in advance to buy medicine for my son when he is sick. I am lucky to have a caring

boss." The quotes clearly demonstrate the abject poverty that some Highlanders are enduring.

Another HKPR Health Unit Report, released in 2008, is Child Poverty: A problem We Cannot Afford. It too warns of child poverty in the Highlands. "Locally, more than 4,000

families with children live in poverty. The number of local residents seeking social assistance has increased since 2003, with approximately 46 percent of the case load being families with children. Accessing food is a concern for 15 percent of local families with children under 17 years of age," the report states. According to the report, 11.5 of local households are experiencing food insecurity due to a lack of money.

"There is most definitely poverty within our community," said Public Health Dietitian

Rosie Kadwell. "I think poverty is well hidden within the Highlands. We have lots of beautiful lakes, forests, and trees, so people don't think of poverty. There aren't people living on the streets, and poverty is not as visible here as in the city. It's here, but it's not in people's faces. Plus, people with poverty are usually very quiet about it. They're not a loud advocacy group."

Kadwell believes that there are high poverty levels in the Highlands for several reasons. "There are very low average earnings in our area. It's also an area of seasonal employment," she said. "Minimum wage is not enough to support a family. Social assistance levels are also too low. Minimum wage and social insurance may be rising, but they're not rising fast enough. They're not keeping up with increasing living expenses and inflation. There is also a great shortage of subsidized housing. I know of families that have had to leave the county because they couldn't find any affordable housing."

According to Kadwell, the price of maintaining a car and the rising price of gas is also a cause of great concern for many impoverished families. "All living expenses are increasing," she warned.

Although there is widespread poverty within the county, Kadwell believes that there is a solution. "We need to increase minimum wage, improve social assistance, and provide more subsidized housing. We must pressure our Member of Parliament, and Member of Provincial Parliament, to decrease poverty levels."

Places for People Haliburton County is an organization that seeks to provide subsidized housing to low income families in the Highlands. Adele Espina works with Places for People, and she recognizes the absence of affordable housing. "There is a great shortage of subsidized housing everywhere in the province. There is most definitely a shortage in the county," she said. "A job and a home are two of the most important determinants of

"There aren't people living on the streets, and poverty is not as visible here as in the city. It's here, but it's not in people's faces."

a person's wellbeing. If a person can't afford a home, they're in trouble." Like Kadwell, Espina realizes that many people have to leave the county in search of more affordable housing.

Gena Robertson is the Executive Director of Haliburton County's SIRCH Community Care and Consulting. SIRCH frequently helps impoverished Highlanders. Robertson is therefore qualified to comment on local poverty. "Poverty is not overly visible in the Highlands, but we absolutely know that there are huge issues with low incomes in the area. We help adults and children that don't have enough to eat, or adequate housing. We help over 35 families that make less than \$18,000 a year. Many of the families make less than \$15,000. After hard expenses like heating, rent, and electricity, these families have less than \$200 a month for food. That's only \$6.66 a day! Think about that."

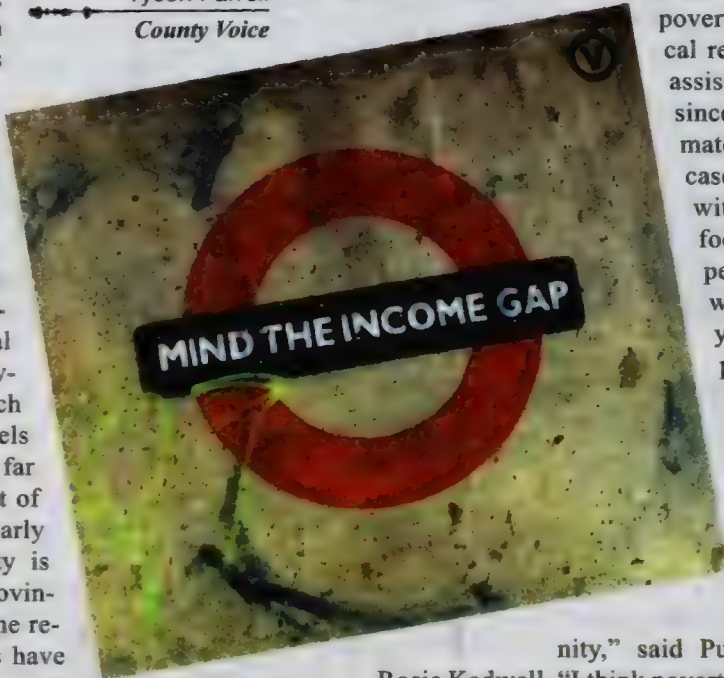
Robertson believes that local poverty is multidimensional, with no single solution. "People in Haliburton are generous. But if people don't see the poverty, they won't do anything about it. One of the most important things people need to do is raise awareness about the staggering poverty within the county."

Marg Cox is executive director of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. She is very concerned about poverty levels within the community. "We're seeing a lot of people needing a hand up that didn't need it the year before. This is partially because of rising inflation rates caused by fuel prices," she said. "People living in poverty within the county are under huge pressures. If you haven't been impoverished, you have no idea what the pressure is like." Cox is particularly concerned about local children that are affected by poverty. "The first few years of a child's life are very important for brain development. Poverty often prevents parents from giving their children proper nutrition and stimulation. This can affect children for the rest of their lives."

Cox also believes the absence of public transportation is a serious problem for low income families. "Rent and housing is cheaper outside of the towns like Haliburton, Minden, and Wilberforce. This forces low income earners to live outside of town in remote areas. Because there's no public transport, they often can't afford to get into the town centres. This makes them feel isolated, and not part of the community. The lack of transport also forces them to buy from the local corner store, where food is more expensive. Thus things cost even more for them."

Cox believes that further economic development is necessary when alleviating local poverty. "We need to create more business infrastructure, like internet. We need to look past the natural resource sector," she said. "People want good jobs, not social assistance. I went to a conference with representatives from other small towns. Some of them had succeeded in attracting calling centres to their area. They were impressed by the amount of decent paying, reliable jobs the centre provided. I'm not suggesting that this is the ultimate solution for the Highlands, but such things would help economic development. Poverty is a huge issue in the Highlands, and we all need to work together to find a solution." ■

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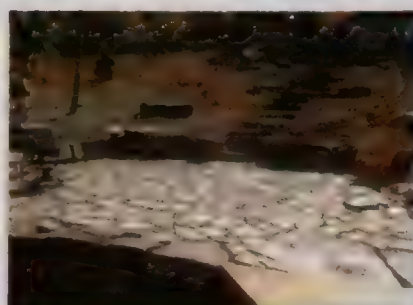
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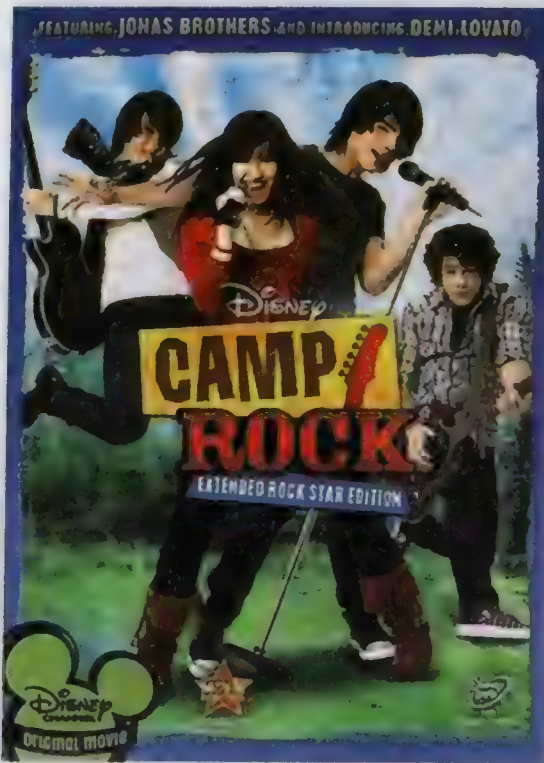


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In Canada the film premiered on June 20 on the Family Channel. It averaged 8.9 million viewers across North America on the night of its premiere, making it the second highest-rated Disney Channel original movie of all time, behind High School Musical 2.

The film tells the story of a teenager named Mitchie, a social pariah, who attends a rock musical summer camp. Although she has a wonderful singing voice and great talent, her lowly social status denies her the opportunity to

flourish. After weeks of vying with whiny pre-madonnas and feathery haired egotistical brats, the protagonist manages to seduce the boy of her dreams and rise to fame within the camp.

Despite the film's high television ratings, it is hardly Oscar worthy. In fact, it might be difficult for anybody over the age of 15 to bear the movie's monotonous dialogue or the young stars' completely unconvincing acting.

Regardless of the film's low caliber, many Highlanders are proud to have been part of it, and were delighted to see their faces on national TV. "It was very exciting to see seeing myself of TV," said Haliburton's Joel Potter. "The actual filming experience was horrible though. We sat in a tent in the rain all day, waiting for two scenes. It was really hot and stinky." When asked what he thought of the movie's quality, Potter responded saying, "The film was obviously for a younger demographic. That's all I have to say about that."

Aaron King of Wilberforce also acted as an extra in the film, and he was equally unimpressed. "If films could be awarded negative amounts of Oscars, that's what Camp Rock would get," he said. "I think that the film is really just capitalizing on the success of the High School Musical series, but its worse. The acting, scripting, and everything else is just bad. I realize that the film is designed for children, but it's not a good movie. When you watch something like Tim Burton's 'The Nightmare before Christmas,' you realize that it's for kids, but it still has high a quality of directing, music, and acting. It's a good quality film. Camp Rock is not."

Gelert's Nick Russell was an extra in many scenes. "I had a slightly different experience than the other extras because I was in the movie's house band. We waited around most of the day, but still had a lot of fun. It was enjoyable because my fellow extras were a lot of fun," he said. "The filming experience was good, but it was a bad quality film. It was a typical plot that has been used a million times. The acting really wasn't that great. However, my sisters are ten years old, and they loved the movie. There are some good kid's films that I can watch, enjoy, and appreciate. But this film wasn't special." According to Russell, the worst part of the experience was, "watching the film and realizing how horrible it really was."

Tammy Rae of Gull Lake worked as a production assistant and background wrangler on Camp Rock, and she views the movie differently. "The film makes the Highlands look like a very beautiful place. This could help encourage other studios to film movies here. That's a good thing." Camp Rock was no Lawrence of Arabia or Citizen Kane, but for some Highlanders it is a fond memory and a proud moment. As extras they got a taste of the movie industry, and some were lucky enough to catch a glimpse of themselves on TV. For the some Highlanders, the proudest moment of all was when the film ended and credits rolled, and the words "Special thanks to Haliburton County" appeared. If you would like to watch Camp Rock and formulate your own opinion, keep an eye out for it on ABC and the Family Channel. It is also available on DVD.■

Filmed last summer at Haliburton Camps.



Review by Tyson Farrell



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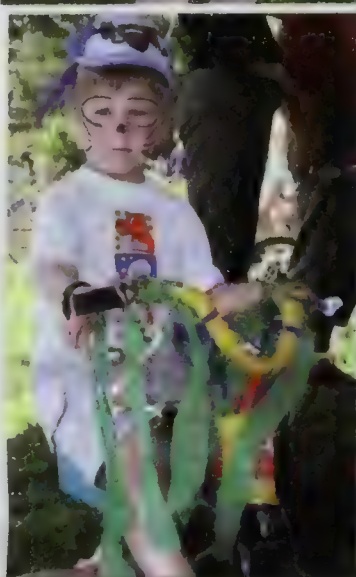
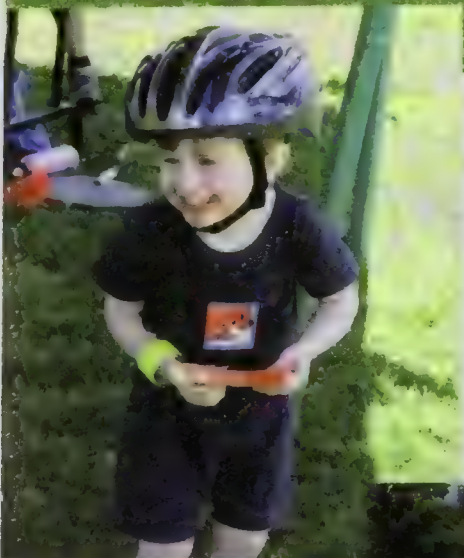
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Getting in Gear

Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition Promotes Healthy Lifestyles



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Now that summer's here in Haliburton County (at least in theory), spotting groups of cyclists riding around the scenic countryside isn't anything out of the ordinary.

To further promote healthy, active lifestyles by getting on a bicycle, the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition was formed back in the fall of 2005. Sue Shikaze, a board member of the group from the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit

(HKPR), explained how the idea for the coalition was first born.

"It originated through Trails and Tours. They called together a public meeting for cyclists to see what the interest was and what direction cycling could take. At that point, there really wasn't an organized group in the County to do anything around cycling," says Shikaze. Following the meeting, Shikaze says that the majority of people decided on having a planning and advocacy group strictly for cycling, and one that didn't just organize rides.

A group of people from that particular meeting got together and began to plant the seeds that would blossom into the Cycling Coalition. Shikaze was one of those people.

"I was one of them and there were a handful of others. We started to meet and create a vision for ourselves and a bit of a plan. The vision is that Haliburton County provides great cycling for all people and all ages," she said. Other current board members include Angela VanBerlo, Dick Charron, Kevin Penney, Lynda Shadbolt and Sean Pennylegion.

The objectives of the group are to: 1) create awareness of the rights and responsibilities of cyclists and the health and environmental benefits of cycling, 2) promote safe cycling practices, 3) advocate for cyclists' rights and the inclusion of cycling in the progressive development of Haliburton County, 4) be a resource for local and visiting cyclists, 5) network with groups of common interest and 6) listen to the changing needs and desires of cyclists to ensure growth of the cycling community and the organization.

In their very first year, the group planned a "Shifting Gears" cycling festival for the Spring of 2006.

"That was pretty much where our energy was directed because we thought that the first thing we needed to do was raise the awareness of cycling, get it out in the media a little bit more and create an opportunity for cyclists to get together," said Shikaze.

The same event was also held last year, with a few substantial additions.

"We expanded it to include a week of activities like some evening workshops, a bike to school event, those kinds of things."

This season, the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition has hosted a variety of workshops and rides that started on May 14 and will run until June 21.

Some of the free workshops provided so far have allowed participants the chance to learn how to properly tune their bike, perform proper stretching techniques and ride in organized outings. Those involved with instructing some of these workshops include members of the Cycling Coalition, as well as people who just simply happen to be cycling enthusiasts.

At one unique event held at Head Lake Park in Haliburton, participants learned how to geocache. In this event, participants learned how to use a Global Positioning System (GPS) to find caches in which an item is stored inside. The way it works is that people from all over the world can go online and set-up spots where caches can be found and share that information with others. Thorn Lambert, an instructor at the Haliburton School of the Arts and Cycling Coalition volunteer, taught the session.

Last Saturday, the third annual and final cycling event titled the "Shifting Gears Cycling Festival" capped off the season's festivities. According to Lynda Shadbolt, member of the Cycling Coalition, the festival held in Head Lake Park keeps getting bigger and bigger every year.

"Last year we had 50 people and this year we probably have closer to 100," said Shadbolt. "With this event we're trying to do something for all ages. We're hoping that more people will get on a bike. The whole point of it is to promote cycling."

Some of the activities at this year's event included: a treasure hunt, a bike decorating contest, a group ride around town and music provided by the Haliburton County Folk Society. Bike vendors were also at the park to show off their two-wheel rides, provide maintenance checks and lend advice to cycling enthusiasts. A tasty lunch was also served up by Chris Carl and David Adams of Rhubarb.

And whether you are a bicycling beginner or are at a more advanced level, the workshops have something for everyone.

"We recognize that there are lots of people out there who knew how to ride a bike as a kid but probably haven't ridden for years and years but are thinking they might like to. So the purpose of the workshops and festival is to do some skill building, awareness raising and to also raise the profile of cycling," said Shikaze.

According to Shikaze, more and more people are picking up cycling as a hobby.

"My sense is that there is a growing interest with cycling. Over the last couple of years I've seen more people out on bikes, I hear more stories about people wanting to buy a bike and kids wanting to bike into school," says Shikaze. "I think there's a combination of things that feed into that. People are aware they need to be more active to healthy, but it's also about cutting back on driving. People also realize that cycling is a really fun thing to do and pick up."

It's Shikaze's belief that Haliburton County is one of the most ideal places to use a bicycle in.

"Haliburton County has a great road network for cycling. It's scenic and the traffic isn't that heavy. I've talked to people who have done a lot of long distance riding and they'll come here to train because the roads are quieter, we've got fresh air and we have interesting destinations."

There are, however, a few things that Shikaze says could use some work to even further improve the cycling landscape for riders.

"The things I think we could work on are signage and adding more paved shoulders."

These areas in need of work are what led to something called the cycling master plan.

"That's something we've been working on for the past year as a planning and advocacy tool. That's scheduled to be finished sometime in June. It started out with the purpose being, 'How do we try to advocate for more paved shoulders?' Well, we need a document that says this is why it's important and this is why we need them."

Through the master plan process, the Cycling Coalition conducted community consultation during which time they held open houses and gave out surveys. Shikaze says that one of the things that came up from people was a request for more off-road cycling opportunities.

"They wanted development of both Rail Trails and more mountain biking trails."

To take a look at some of the cycling opportunities that are present in the County, pick up a cycling map available across various locations in Haliburton, Minden and Camarvon, including: Undercover Books, the Tourist Information Centre, the Rails End Gallery, Trails and Tours and Fleming College.

For more information on the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition visit their web site at www.cyclehaliburton.ca.

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For a \$10 donation per family, everyone got a lot of bang for the buck. Families got to participate in games like Velcro golf, the milk can toss and a soccer target shoot. With the entry fee, families also received a light lunch, ice cream, popcorn and water.

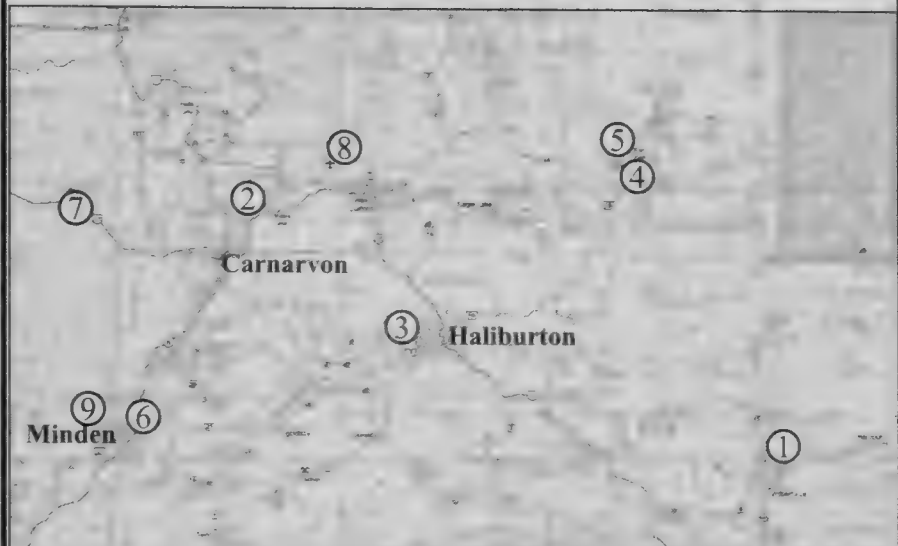
A silent auction was also held with a total of 90 items donated from local businesses and individuals. The funds raised will help complete the playground in the SBES yard. ■



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



COUNTY VOICE 2008 YARD SALES



- ① **YARD SALE-** 1144 Grace River Road, Wilberforce. June 28 & 29 from 9 am to 2 pm. Items include bread maker, meat slicer, and other kitchen items, kayak with paddles & life jacket, water bed heater, swatches of material, electrical and plumbing supplies, nails, etc. June d 08
- ② **YARD SALE- GARAGE SALE** Saturday, June 28. 8 am to 1 pm. 1006 Howard Thompson Road (off North Shore Road, Maple Lake.) Tools, building materials, kitchen & household items, the odd antique and other dusty items. June d 08
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- ⑨ **YARD SALE-** Saturday, June 28 from 10 am to 1 pm. 33 Invergordon Street. Household items, books and many interesting collectibles. June d 08

Police Reports Break, Enter And Assault

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment responded to a report of a break in last night shortly before 10:30pm on the Bobcaygeon Rd in the Village of Minden.

Officers responded to the scene which was located at 122 Bobcaygeon Road Apartment #1 and located the victim (tenant in Apt#1) who had been assaulted. EMS responded to the scene and the victim was taken by ambulance to the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay suffering from non-life threatening injuries.

Officers from the O.P.P. Forensic Identification Unit attended the scene.

Members of the City of Kawartha Lakes/ Haliburton County Crime Unit are assisting with the investigation which is ongoing.

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1. Name a landlocked country with a name that starts with "S."
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Answer _____
3. Through what country do the Appennines run?
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Name two countries that consist solely of islands.
Answer _____
5. Name a landlocked country with a name that starts with "A."
Answer _____
6. What current has been called "Europe's central heating"?
Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. Name a country that shares a name with its capital city.
Answer _____
8. Excluding Russia, what country is largest in area?
Answer _____
9. Which landlocked country is surrounded by landlocked countries?
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Switzerland, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia. 2. Spain. 3. Italy. 4. Iceland, U.K., Ireland, Malta, Cyprus. 5. Austria, Andorra, Armenia. 6. The Gulf Stream. 7. Luxembourg, San Marino, Vatican, Monaco. 8. Ukraine. 9. Liechtenstein.

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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your willingness to open up to possibilities is why people like you are often among our most popular political leaders.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Before you adventurous Arians charge right into those new projects, take a little time to learn where you'll be going so you can avoid getting lost before you get there.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your time is devoted to career demands through much of the week. But Venus, who rules your sign, might be planning how (and with whom) you'll spend your weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be put off by the surprising turn in the way your project is developing. You've invested enough time in it to know how to make all the necessary adjustments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The work week goes smoothly for the most part. But a weekend visit to a place in your past could hold surprises for your future, especially where romance is involved.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A sudden attack of shyness for the usually loquacious Lion could be a sign that deep down you're not sure enough about what (or whom) you had planned to talk up in public.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Deal with that job-related problem on-site — that is, at the workplace. Avoid taking it home, where it can spoil those important personal plans you've made.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to let those favorable comments about your business dealings be known to those in a position to be helpful. Don't hide your light; let it shine.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Avoid added pressure to finish a project on deadline by steering clear of distractions. To put it somewhat poetically: Time for fun — when your tasks are done.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be uneasy about an offer from a longtime colleague. But before you reject it, study it. You might be surprised at what it actually contains.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Deal firmly with a difficult family matter. It's your strength they need right now. You can show your emotions when the situation begins to ease up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A recent dispute with some co-workers might not have been completely resolved. But other colleagues will be only too happy to offer support of your actions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Let go of that Piscean pride long enough to allow someone to help you with a surprising development. That could make it easier for you to adjust to the change.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

THIRD HUSBAND IS NO CHARMER WHEN HE PUTS DOWN HIS WIFE

DEAR ABBY: I was divorced twice before I met my present husband, "Lou." We have been married seven years. When we're with his extended family or new acquaintances, Lou makes a point in his loud, animated way of letting everyone know that he is my third husband. It's embarrassing. And because I am at a loss for words, I usually stay silent.

I have asked Lou in private why he offers that information when no one asks. I think he's trying to make me look bad. I told him maybe he should have a "3" tattooed on his forehead if he's that proud.

If someone pays me a compliment in his presence, Lou will say, "She really has you fooled!" But, Abby, Lou is the one who has everyone fooled. If his family knew the things he has said and done over the last seven years, they would be shocked.

Early on, his first wife stopped going anywhere with him. I have reached the point where I have begun trying to avoid going out with him. How should I respond — if at all — when he tries to make me look bad? Perhaps I should just say, "Yes, you are No. 3. But when you talk about me like that, it makes me wish you weren't." — **OBJECT OF RIDICULE**

DEAR OBJECT: If you haven't already done it, tell your husband privately that you don't appreciate being embarrassed in front of family and friends. Tell him that you want it stopped immediately. Your husband appears to be insecure and trying to make himself look better at your expense. If he persists, the next time it happens, smile sweetly and say, "And I'd like you all to meet my soon-to-be third EX-husband." (Come to think about it, that might not be a bad idea.)

DEAR ABBY: I am 38 years young and still single. I enjoy my friends, my freedom and rock concerts. My issue is that at the last two concerts I went to, I heard men — or boys — say, "Watch out. Here come the cougars!" I think this is insulting. Or is it?

Can you define a "cougar"? I don't know whether I should be insulted or take it as a compliment. — **STILL ROCKIN' IN IRVINE**

AR STILL ROCKIN': A "cougar" is a woman who likes to date — and aggressively pursue — much younger men. Whether it's an insult, an accurate description or a compliment depends upon how you wish to be perceived. But from my perspective, the comments you heard were stereotypical and "catty," to say the least.

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Nourishing Minds and Bodies Supporters of Food for Kids Program Honoured



Since 1999, the Food for Kids program has been providing nourishing meals to students at schools all across Haliburton County.

On Thursday, June 19 at the Bonnie View Inn, a volunteer appreciation luncheon was held to recognize over 50 individuals who have helped make the program what it is today. On average, these volunteers provide more than 3,500 breakfasts and snacks per week to students in the County.

Haliburton County Food for Kids serves a vast geographic area and relatively small, economically disadvantaged population of the County. Food for Kids now proudly serves 2,200 children and youth at seven schools in the County.

"Thank you for nursing the minds and bodies of our kids," said Karen Phipps, Coordinator of the Food for Kids Program. "Every year I do feel overwhelmed by this. It makes me believe in the good of people. It's not only about nourishing the kids, but it's showing that we care about them," said Phipps.

Ever since the program first started, Bob and Wendy Park, owners of Haliburton Foodland, have embraced and supported this initiative. As they were honoured with a plaque for their financial contributions to the program, Bob explained why Food For Kids is something close to his heart.

"When I was growing up, I remember having to steal food to be able to have lunch," said Park. "I will always support this program."

"Bob and Wendy do so much in the County that most of us don't even know about because they do it in such a quiet way. They've been providing the financial backbone to the program from the start. I don't know where the program would be without their support," said Phipps.

Andrew Flowers, a recent graduate of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) and volunteer of the program was also recognized for his years of involvement.

"Andrew showed up five years ago as a helping hand. We appreciate all the help you've given us," said Phipps.

After Phipps presented Flowers with a gift certificate to Sharpley's, he explained how being a volunteer helped with his own personal development.

"My dream was to be able to communicate and be confident with myself. Thank you Karen for fulfilling that dream," he said.

Rosie Kadwell, Registered Dietician and Chair of the Food for Kids Program, commended all the volunteers for their hours of dedication and support.

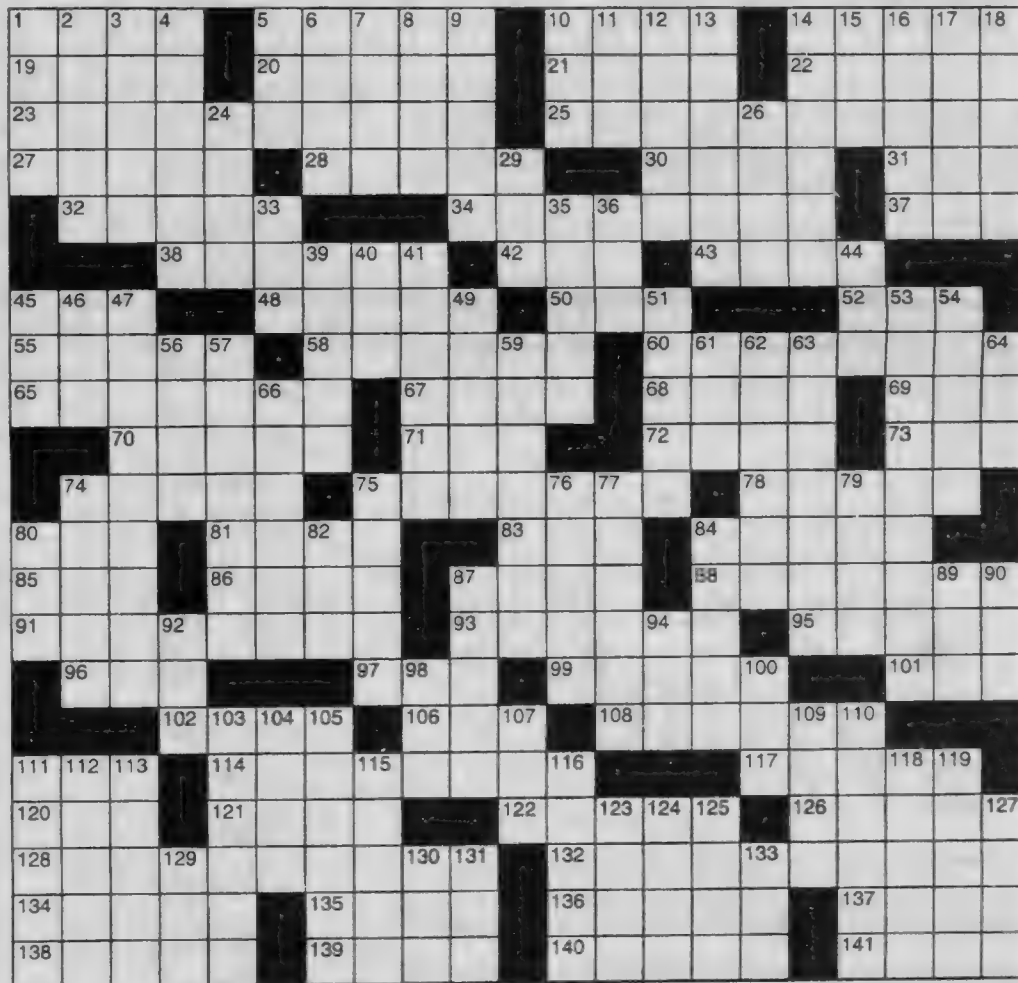
"This group has been responsible for 126,000 snacks and breakfasts this past year. A lot of you change your personal schedules to be at the schools. We realize that it's the volunteers who run this program," said Kadwell.

Valerie Smith, Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) Trustee for Haliburton County and Joan Harpell, Principal of Archie Stouffer Elementary School, also gave speeches on the importance of the program. ■

Super Crossword

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CHARACTERS

- ACROSS**
1 Composer Schifrin
5 Nom de crime?
10 Theatrical Joseph
14 Exclude
19 Way off base?
20 Mete out the mine-strone
21 "God's Little —" ('58 film)
22 Lose one's tail?
23 English talk-show host
25 "The Alamo" actor
27 Kitchen utensil
28 Arboreal animal
30 Jai —
31 Trombonist Winding
32 Took a shot at
34 Salve
37 Chinese principle
38 Fit for farming
42 "Ligeia" author
43 Conductor Jeffrey
45 Thurman of "Final Analysis"
48 Southern staple
- DOWN**
1 The Four —
2 Expect
3 Sweetheart
4 "Twelfth Night" role
5 Landon or Kjellin
6 Ulrich of Metallica
7 Matinee —
8 As well
9 Brief brawl
10 Part of PST
11 Cologne cry
12 Paris' pop
13 Small shot
14 One of the Clintons
15 Yalie
16 Like some sweaters
17 Dwight's competition
18 Varnish ingredient
24 Mailer's "The — Park"
26 Natalie's sister
29 With-it
33 Mr. Hammar-skjold
35 — Dame
36 It's in the bag
- ACROSS**
50 PC key
52 Make wine divine
55 Drives and drives?
58 '87 Warren Beatty film
60 Word game
65 Ol' Blue Eyes' birthplace
67 Church area
68 Apple variety
69 Mauna —
70 Coeur d'—, ID
71 Skater Midori
72 Actress Nell
73 "The King and I" refrain
74 Subordinate to
75 "It Was a Good Day" rapper
78 Pithy
80 Hazel's boss
81 Add color
83 Quiet — mouse
84 Jeweler's weight
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91 Film site
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96 — Dinh Diem
97 Broadway letters
99 Director von Stroheim
101 Curly poker?
102 Singer, Wooley
106 TV's "My — Dads"
108 Swift savages
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114 Strauss opera
117 Japanese porcelain
120 Recite a soliloquy
121 Pants measurement
122 Addis —
126 Mythical weeper
128 "Poetry Man" singer
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41 Racial
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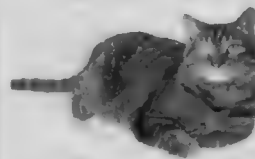
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Horseshoe Lake AGM

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The clubhouse at the Minden White Water Preserve was packed Saturday morning as the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association hosted their annual general meeting. Topics of discussion ranged from environmental conservation, to signage, to water levels.

Many property owners were concerned about signage in the narrows between Mountain Lake and Horseshoe Lake. The narrows pass beneath a bridge where the water shallows and the current quickens. Many believed that better signage was needed to identify the peril for boaters.

Another topic of discussion was sailing. "There used to be an active sailing community on the lake," one property owner said. "I'd be interested in starting that up again." The proposition was accepted by the lake members, and they decided to have a sailing race on July 12, during the Horseshoe Lake Family Day. "Sailing is the smart thing to do, with gas prices so high," someone in the audience quipped.

Perhaps the most pressing issue discussed at the meeting was the water levels on Horseshoe Lake. Bonnie Fleischaker from the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) delivered a lengthy lecture on the topic. "At the moment, all lakes are drawn down at the same rate. We want to change it so that lake levels are adjusted to fit each individual lake's ecology," she said. "The Trent Severn Waterway is not just locks and canals, it's our lakes. We need to focus on watersheds."



One of the most intriguing portions of Fleischaker's address was the manner in which uranium mining would affect the water levels. "If uranium mining begins, vast amounts of water will be extracted from local rivers to aid the mining process," she said. Fleischaker went on to discuss the CEWF's plan to regulate water levels, and their continuing struggle with governmental bureaucracies.

Horseshoe Lake property owner Gordon Folk is particularly concerned about water levels. "The water on the lake is so high right now that it's flooding my property," he said. "I need to begin mending my retaining wall the water is so threatening. The irony of the situation is that the water is usually far too low! For the last few years it was so low that I couldn't even dock my boat. Low water levels

are a real danger. If some one is water skiing, and the water is down, rocks can be hidden just below the surface. Someone could get badly hurt. There needs to be a better way to regulate water levels. Things need to change, especially if people want to sell property on the lake."

After water levels were thoroughly discussed, the association elected new directors. They then proceeded to plan this year's rock bass derby, corn roast, and family fun day. At the meeting people were also able to purchase a wide variety of Horseshoe Lake clothing and merchandise. ■

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Where's Solomon When You Need Him?

For the second time in a month the Highlands East Council has been faced with a delegation they couldn't satisfy. Craig Bowker, representing the residents of four households living directly behind the Wilberforce Foodland and LCBO, once again complained to Council about early morning noise associated with the store's operations. This time Bowker's arguments were a bit more personal and they met with no more success than his last presentation.

The initial complaint was issued in the form of a petition requesting action by Council to deal with what Bowker described as increasing levels of commercial activity and noise at unacceptably early hours. The noise is a result of compressors, refrigerator units, tractor trailers delivering goods to the store, reverse beeper alarms, air brakes and a forklift.

During his first visit to Council in May, Bowker made recommendations that he felt would reduce the noise and resulting concerns. These included the Municipality installing a line of mature cedar trees or a fence that would defray sound, writing letters to the store's suppliers advising them of the provisions of the by-law, requiring the store owner to purchase an electric forklift and posting signage that detailed the noise by-law and its restrictions.

In response to Bowker's concerns Council had directed their By-law Enforcement Officer to investigate. The fact that the investigation resulted in no violations being found was communicated to Bowker in a letter. Bowker's subsequent question to Council was, "I want to know where we go from here?"

Reeve Dave Burton told Bowker once again that surveillance of the property had been conducted on two separate occasions. He said, "No violations were found and no further time or manpower will be used unless required." Bowker voiced concern that he had not been apprised of the By-law Officer's activities. CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig reported that the by-law officer had been on site at the times mentioned by Bowker at the previous meeting (between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.).

A visibly frustrated Bowker said that he had expected a plan of action from Council that would address the group's recommendations. He said, "We didn't ask for a subjective, privately handled investigation. There was no need to determine fault as the violations are clear." Bowker said when he asked the By-law Officer for details he received an evasive response. He asked, "What is there to hide?"

That's when the tone of the meeting turned. Bowker said that at the previous meeting Councillor Gary Stoughton had spoken at great length on the matter but had failed to declare a conflict of interest. Stoughton had voiced concern about the store closing if more pressure was brought to bear on the owner. A closure would result in Stoughton's wife losing her job. Bowker said that Stoughton should be asked to withdraw from the discussion and any comments made in the past regarding the matter discounted and not considered by Council.

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act does require a Councillor who may have a pecuniary interest, whether direct or indirect (including that of a spouse) to disclose the interest, not take part in the discussion or vote or influence the decision making process in any way.

Bowker distributed copies of his previous presentation. When Stoughton asked for a copy, Bowker asked that Stoughton be removed from the room. This resulted in Council holding a brief in camera session to decide what course of action to take.

After a few minutes the meeting reconvened and Burton advised Bowker that Stoughton did not feel there was any conflict of interest. He added that Stoughton would be sitting in on the conversation. In response to this Bowker said, "It is a clear cut conflict of interest and there was no other way to look at it." Burton said it was Stoughton's decision and he was asked to remain at the meeting.

Bowker continued with his arguments about the matter at hand saying, "This is really a zoning issue. Council should have established a buffer when setting the zoning or at the onset of construction of the store. We recommended reasonable solutions for action and no action has been taken."

When Bowker said he was respectfully resubmitting the group's recommendations and expected action within a week, Council went through each recommendation and decided on the spot. They appeared to be in agreement that no action would be taken other than posting signage detailing the requirements of the noise by-law. Council agreed this was a reasonable request. Beyond that, Burton said, "I'm not sure where to go from here, but I believe Council is not prepared to budge."

Bowker suggested he would take his concerns to the Ontario Municipal Board for adjudication. Councillor Suzanne Partridge reminded Bowker that Council could not invest money on privately owned property. Bowker then suggested that there should have been an easement or buffer zone and that he believed the responsibility remained at the municipal level. He also said, "This is causing a social problem in the community. Everyone on the street has reached their maximum point of tolerance." He ended his presentation by saying he would try to work with the owner of the store to reach a compromise.

Craig McDonald, the owner of Wilberforce Foodland was present for most of the meeting. While he did not say anything at the time, the County Voice contacted him after the meeting for comment.

McDonald said, "I'm trying to stay neutral, not add fuel to the fire. We're doing everything we can to abide by the by-law, but I'm stuck between a rock and a hard place. We've tried all sorts of things to accommodate these concerns."

McDonald said he realized how tough it is to have residences right beside a commercial entity. He said that last year when he heard complaints he started to unload the trucks in front of the building, using it as a buffer for sound. "Business is impacted dramatically by truck arrival times and if I can't get product into the store it would be pretty hard to stay in business."

McDonald said that he had to move refrigerated products inside right away, but they had waited until after 6:00 a.m. to bring the remainder inside. Trucks have now been asked to park in other locations until after 6:00 o'clock and according to McDonald most of the drivers are doing everything they can to keep the noise down.

"The price of fuel dictates how companies route their trucks. Most suppliers are working with me and everyone is trying to make this situation work." McDonald said a forklift was crucial to his business and he had checked into an electric forklift. The supplier had advised him that it wouldn't adapt well to working in cold weather.

McDonald said that he had been blindsided by the letter and that most of the people who signed the petition had never complained to him at all. He also said that like a lot of businesses in the area, he is struggling to stay afloat.

On one point McDonald and Bowker agree completely. The situation is making everyone very uncomfortable. ■

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Great opportunity for first time buyers, 2 bedroom, large yard, walk to Main Street and amenities.

Drew Bishop 457-2128

Halls Lake \$189,900



On Hwy 35 (15 min from Minden), totally renovated 3 BR home is hardly visible & the "best kept secret" as it has a 10' ROW to Halls Lake. Dressed to the '90's

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

Beautiful 5 Lake Chain \$699,000



Stunning western lake view of Kashagawigamog. Sandy beach with gradual entry. Large 3 BR home/ cottage with lakeside cabin. Minutes to Haliburton.

Mark Dennys 457-2128

Eagle lake Area \$229,900



3 BR, 2 bath chalet on over 3 acres of forested property with private pond. Open concept with large kitchen, private master floor with ensuite.

Susanne James and Andy Mosher 457-2128

Portage Lake \$299,900



4 season, 3 Bedroom, just minutes from the Village of Haliburton. Enjoy the great view on this beautiful quiet lake.

Paul Szpik 457-2128

Child Friendly! \$309,000



Flat lot, sandy beach, shallow entry and lots of room to play! Great 2 bedroom cottage to use while you build and keep as a bunkie or play house!

Derrell and Kim Stamp 457-2128

Ultimate Weekend Retreat \$139,000



A very unique 34 acre parcel with 3 ponds, one with waterfalls and a diving board, 2 cabins, 2 garages, the ultimate retreat

Greg Stamp 457-2128

Haliburton Lake - \$363,800



4 season cottage with easy yr rnd access, level lot, 4 BR, large screened room, bright kitchen, 120 ft frontage with sandy beach

Wilfred VanLieshout 457-2128

Canning Lake Waterfront Acreage



This one-of-a-kind 46 acres, with 128 ft on a 5 lake chain. Bay with a nice lake view. Extremely private at waterfront. Build your dream cottage and boat into town for dinner.

Dagmar Boettcher 286-2138

Haliburton Acreage \$79,900



Beautiful 50 acres of hardwood bush & partially cleared old farm with numerous building locations. 2 access points on year round mun. road. Only 2 kms from Village.

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138

Sharon Lake \$235,000



Cosy 2 BR on no-motor lake. Original pine plank flooring, new pine ceilings and over 400sq.ft. of decking. End of road location and 5 acre lot provides privacy.

Anne Moulton 286-2138

Cod Love It! \$139,900



Busy licensed restaurant in downtown Haliburton. Turn Key operation. Buy now for busy summer tourist season.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138

New and Improved! \$219,900



Cute cottage in quiet inlet on Minden Lake with sandy bottom, great fishing and beautiful rapids. Southern exp. New dbl capacity septic & power line. Close to town.

Kristin Withey 286-2138

Let's Go For a Boat Ride



What better way to check out cottage property than taking a tour of the lake. Find something of interest, give me a call and pack a lunch!

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138

Little Kennisis Privacy \$295,000



Privacy plus on wooded lot with 615 feet ftg. Driveway & hydro are established. Stay in a charming cabin while you build your cottage or home.

John Hincks 286-2138

Haliburton In Town Home \$241,900



Cozy 3 + 1 BR home (2500 sq. ft) with large walk-out workshop, garage & 1.49 acres. Features wood finishings, 4 baths, master w/ensuite, ample storage.

Janice Brookes 457-2128

Your Dream Home! \$980,000



Amazing house with oasis view of Bat Lake. Unbelievable privacy with peaceful forest. 3500 sq.ft., 3 bed, 3 baths. Huge patio and so much more

Nuriya (Nora) Kohanova 286-2138

Pine Springs Area \$99,900



Terrific starter home with over 1 acre of well treed property creating a lovely yard. All living on one floor. New septic and a newer drilled well.. Home needs some TLC

Anne Moulton 286-2138

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